Islam and Christianity: brothers in faith
Archbishop discusses compatibility of two religions, common ancestry, misconceptions

By JOSH LEEUW
News Writer

The rift between Christianity and Islam can be solved by finding a common ground in God and a shared ancestry, Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, said Thursday.

Migliore told a popular Middle Eastern story to illustrate the picture Muslims and Christians have of each other.

A man walks in the desert and sees a monster on the horizon, he said. As the man gets closer, he realizes it isn’t a monster but a very ugly man. When he is right in front of the man, he sees it is his brother.

"Muslims see Christians as monsters of the Crusades . . . Christians see Muslims as monsters in a similar light," Migliore said.

With both religions having ancient histories, rooted deeply in tradition, it is often said the religions could not be compatible, the Archbishop said.

"However, both religions contain elements that are compatible, but are just unacceptable because of misconceptions," Migliore said.

Migliore addressed three points of convergence between Muslims and Christians, aspects both sects of believers share.

Notre Dame delegation to attend vigil-protest

School of the Americas Watch to hold solidarity events for those killed at the hands of graduates

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

This weekend, 35 members of the Notre Dame community will drive to Fort Benning, Ga., to join thousands of people in the annual vigil-protest of the controversial School of the Americas (SOA), a combat training school for Latin American soldiers.

Junior Michael Angulo organized the Notre Dame trip, which includes undergraduates, graduate students, theology professor Margie Pfeil and Liz McKenzie from the Center for Social Concerns.

The delegation is joining torturers, religious organizations and leaders, students, social movement leaders, "puppeteers," an informal group of puppeteers that denounce the SOA, presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, and the Indigo Girls, among others.

The School of the Americas Watch, a nonviolent grassroots advocacy movement, organized the vigil-protest, which will take place Nov. 16-18. The organization seeks solidarity with Latin Americans to close the SOA and to "change oppressive U.S. foreign policy that institutes like the SOA represent," according to their Web site.

"School of the Americas Watch has done an incredible job at networking between
INSIDE COLUMN
Being super

Everyone has thought about it. At least once, if not twice—what super power would you have if you could choose anything? Or perhaps, if just given the choice between flights or invisibility, which would you take? Only one choice, and you are the only one in the world to have that power.

With the price of gas today, who wouldn’t choose flight? You could just zoom from anywhere to anywhere, be somewhere, and as an added bonus, you could make a really good witch or wizard costume at Halloween.

Of course the invisible power would have its advantages, too—excellent for pranks and escaping a tight situation, but ultimately I don’t think it would be a useful power for good, just a temptation of the opposite.

Shopping would become simple, and from that one could easily snowball into bad things. Anyway, one way or another, I think I would have been a super hero with either of those powers, if that was the only one they had. Unless you had super strength, or a super hero team to back you up, of course.

If I could choose any power, it would be a close division between controlling time and controlling gravity. Time control would be both fun and useful, but the specific details would have to be worked out. If you went back in time a day, what would happen to the rest of the world—would they also go back? Could you meet your past self, or would there always be only one of you? It could get confusing if a new copy of you was made every time you time-traveled. After a while, there would be so many copies of you, you would definitely run out of clothes for all of your selves. And I suppose you could just stop time and steal some from the store, but hey, that’s not proper conduct for someone posing as a super hero.

According to an online quiz, I would be Spiderman. I wouldn’t want to be Superman though—articles I wouldn’t want to be one of the many of the super heroes—tragedy seems to be one of the prerequisites for gaining powers. Spiderman’s uncle died, Superman’s planet blew up, the X-men were allmorally confused, and countless other heroes have been exposed to toxic chemicals or radiation. I would imagine those must have been traumatic experiences.

I guess that’s where their great sense of responsibility and virtue comes from. Even Arnie wouldn’t support super heroes according to Wikipedia: “There are men so god-like, so exceptional, that they naturally, by right of their extraordinary gifts, transcend all moral judgment or constitutional control. There is no law which embraces men of that caliber: they themselves are the law.”

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dustin Mennella at dmennella@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDHOOD SNACK, AND WHY?

Jonathan Richardson
grand student
Fisher Grad
"I like flan, and mac." 

Connie Jones
freshman
Pangborn
"Little Debbie's Zebra Cakes." 

Charandra Williams
freshman
Mcglinn
"Goldfish, because they smiled at me, and I liked the song."

Latifah Cato
freshman
Leum
"Flintstones vitamins, they were just good."

Steve Iwanski
junior
Alumni
"Paint chips."

OFFBEAT

Boy, driving for dad, charged with DUI

CLIO, Mich. — A police officer checking on a truck that got stuck in the mud at a city park was startled to find a 13-year-old boy behind the wheel. The officer also was surprised that the boy appeared to be drunk. So did the teen’s father, who was riding in the front seat. He told police that he had turned over the driving duties to his son because he’d had too much to drink.

Open containers of beer and liquor were found in the vehicle, said Clio Police Chief James McElhanan. "The boy even said he didn’t want to drive because he was too drunk," McElhanan told The Flint Journal for a story published Thursday. Open containers of beer and liquor were found in the vehicle, said Clio Police Chief James McElhanan.

Man allegedly uses staple to rob store

ASHLAND, Ky. — A man wearing a ski mask held up an eastern Kentucky ice cream store with a staple, and briefly got away with $175. Police identified the stylist bandit as Gerald A. Rocchi, 32, who was arrested shortly after he allegedly flashed a chrome-plated staple at an employee of The Ice Cream Shop in Ashland on Tuesday and demanded money.

Ashland Police Capt. Don Petrella said he didn’t know if Rocchi planned to shoot staples at the shop’s employees or use it as a blunt instrument if he didn’t get the cash. He didn’t come to that because the employee handed over the cash, Petrella said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

NOTRE DAME quarterback Evan Sharpely, left, autographs a Saint Mary’s "The Shirt" at the t-shirt’s unveiling in the Saint Mary’s Student Center Thursday.

IN BRIEF

“Loyal Daughters and Sons: Sexuality and Sexual Assault As Told by Notre Dame Students” will be performed at 8 tonight at Washington Hall. Tickets are $5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

As part of International Education Week, there will be a faculty panel discussing “Overcoming Global Poverty: Is Globalization the Problem or the Solution?” in Corcoran Room D of the Saint Mary’s Student Center, from noon to 1 p.m. today.

“A Bright Room Called Day” will be performed on the Declo Main Stage in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 for the general public, $10 for seniors, faculty and staff and $8 for students.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Loyola Chicago tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field.

Paugnall Hall is hosting Project Pumpkin Pie for the Hope Rescue Mission this Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the F Wing of North Dining Hall. Sign up through your dorm president or contact mmiramond@nd.edu.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding modeling tryouts for its annual fashion show Sunday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for any women interested. The men’s tryouts will take place next Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. Both tryouts will be held in Washington Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Center offers ‘mini grants’ to study abroad

Students seek funding to offset costs of international programs from part of CWIL’s $30,000 available for year

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s students concerned about the cost of studying abroad for a semester or summer have the opportunity to receive “mini grants” through the Lilly Endowment Fund and the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership (CWIL).

More than $30,000 has been allotted to the grant program so far this year, said Siqin Yang, assistant director for international and intercultural learning.

On average, students whose grant proposals were approved last year received between $250 and $2,400. Yang said, “There are no fully funded grants, both in order to spread the assistance to as many students as possible and because these experiences are of great educational value.” Yang said, “It seems appropriate that students contribute what they can.”

Saint Mary’s has offered these grants since 2002. Since then, more than 50 students have received grants to study in places like Brussels, Belgium, Rome, Italy and cities in Argentina. The grants, Yang said, assist students who are wary about studying abroad for financial reasons.

“The grants help students who have financial need realize their study abroad dream and enhance their intercultural learning,” she said. “The recipients really appreciated the financial support from CWIL.”

Senior Sarah Didier received a grant from CWIL for the European Summer Study program last summer. She spent four weeks traveling through France, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Didier was awarded $2,500. Her total expenses were close to $6,500. The grant covered roughly 40 percent of her total cost, and she said she would not have been able to participate without aid from CWIL.

Didier and her sister both attended the program. “My parents could have helped one of us out, but not both at the same time,” she said. “We each received $2,500. Through this grant we ended up having an amazing summer.”

Through CWIL, senior Kelly Fahey was able to travel to Greece. She received a $960 grant to put toward the $3,400 cost.

“The Greece trip is an extraordinary experience with incredible teachers. Without the help of CWIL, there is no way I could have gone,” she said.

Senior Kimberly Fugate had a similar story. Fugate, who received $2,300 out of $4,000 to study in Greece, said CWIL’s support was the deciding factor in going abroad.

“In addition to the [CWIL] grant, I was sponsored by my family as well as La Salle Grill, who helped with my food portion of the trip,” Fugate said. “It was absolutely worth it.”

There are two types of grants: student travel grants and independent student grants.

Student travel grants include semesters abroad and summer programs. Independent student grants, however, are much more competitive.

“Independent grants are used for truly independent study supported by a faculty member and is not affiliated with any study abroad institution,” Yang said. “This type of grant is merit-based and highly competitive.”

The application process is similar to other abroad programs. Recommendations, applications and good college standing are required. In addition, upon returning, students must write a reflection paper and present on their experiences.

Attendance at the following year’s InterCultural Learning Showcase is also required.

Programs eligible for grants must be at least two weeks long and not contained within usual financial aid funding. Yang said. Though mostly upperclassmen apply, all students are eligible for the grants.

While CWIL tries to accommodate as many students as possible, its policy requires that no more than 75 percent of a trip’s funding come from CWIL, said Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership.

Meyer-Lee said the grants benefit not only students but also the international and intercultural standards of the College.

“Saint Mary’s is a rare college where committed students with financial need can receive thousands of dollars towards an intensive intercultural experience which they would not otherwise be able to afford,” she said. “Even students with little financial aid can receive money for worthy projects.”

She said she hopes for the continued success of the grant program so more Saint Mary’s students can have positive international learning experiences abroad.

“The dedicated students who have taken advantage of this opportunity have found their additional investment well rewarded by life-changing learning,” she said.

Meyer-Lee said she thinks the scale of grants offered at Saint Mary’s is “highly unusual among colleges.”

“Some schools try to offer a little additional scholarship aid for study abroad through a mandatory fee for all students, or alumni donations,” Meyer-Lee said. “But Saint Mary’s students are fortunate that Saint Mary’s received substantial resources to start CWIL and earned a good share of those resources to directly fund students’ international and intercultural learning.”

CWIL also offers faculty grants. The two main categories are faculty research grants or conference attendance grants, Meyer-Lee said.

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Hammocks sold to help Nicaraguan artisans

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
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Students looking to spruce up their dorm rooms and help Nicaraguan artisans can purchase hammock chairs today from Artisan Opportunities International, Inc. (AOI) at the Artisans Hammock Chair Sale. The chairs are designed to fit in a dorm room and are available in blue-and-white or multi-colored. Students can also purchase larger, "matrimonial" hammocks, large enough for two adults, through the AOI's Web site.

AOI is working to improve living conditions for artisans in Nicaragua. "We can make a difference in the lives of Nicaraguan artisans, AOI co-founder senior Brian Brownschidle, said. "It may seem like a small amount of money here but it can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these people."

Brownshidle said the market for hammocks in Nicaragua is too small to provide them with living wages. AOI has helped the artisans sell abroad. All of the proceeds from the hammock chair sale will return to the artisans and their communities, he said.

Sophomore Tina Tovar went on a trip to Nicaragua to help study how AOI proceeds could be spent most effectively. "We did a lot of research on the greatest needs of the artisans to determine how to reinvest the money," she said. "We personally spoke with the artisans and compared their greatest need with what was most economically feasible. We wanted to have a sustainable plan yet an effect on their lives," Tovar said.

The group eventually decided to provide materials to replace roofs, she said. "With a very small amount of money, we were able to re-roof all of our artisans' homes," Brownshidle said.

"It may seem like a small amount of money here but it can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these people." - Brian Brownshidle, co-founder, Artisan Opportunities International, Inc.

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"Cubans are spending thousands and thousands of dollars on these parties," he said. Additional downsides to the economic reforms include an increase in crime, prostitution and a growing black market.

"We wanted to have a sustainable plan yet an effect on their lives," Tovar said.

Beyond affecting the economy, the Cuban government also has control over religion, the arts and the media.

Cuba's constitution changed from atheist to secular in the 1990s, which enabled Catholics to practice their faith freely. However, the government still places strict limitations on the Catholic Church, which is Cuba's largest independent institution, Marx said. The Church does not have access to the media, cannot hold churches, schools or seminars, and cannot recruit priests from abroad, he said.

In terms of the media, Marx said that due to a strong internal opposition, there has been a "crackdown" on independent journalists and dissidents.

"The opposition movement is thoroughly infiltrated," he said, emphasizing that it is impossible to tell who is a real dissident and who is a spy, which has led to "suspicion and mistrust" among Cubans.

"Opposition is a nonfactor in Cuba today," Marx said, as dissidents are almost instantly imprisoned and, upon release, are obliged to leave the country.

Varela and Marx said Cubans are on the whole, fearful of change. "Propaganda in Cuba is just as effective as propaganda in America, - the education system emphasizes conformity," Marx said. Although there is a minor possibility for change in Cuba, the current situation doesn't "look like it will change at all," Varela said.

The lecture took place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and was a part of International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and Education.

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Solidarity Sunday
November 18, 2007
The Spirit of Inclusion...
"Strangers and Sojourners no longer" (Ephesians 2:19)

"We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community." "We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish." "We prize the uniqueness of all persons as God's creatures." - adapted by the Officers of the University on August 27, 1997.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SOMALIAN PIRATES

With one slain crew mate in the A powerful cyclone packing 140 mph winds slammed into Bangladesh on Thursday, battering homes, toppling trees and power poles, and forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee in this low- lying nation.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr swept in from the Bay of Bengal on Thursday, striking the Sundarbans mangrove forests, the Bangladesh Meteorological Department said.

The association spearhead­ ed the Sunni boycott of the mosque were not gov­ ernment said. The final decision was cut as well, the statement said. The final sounds on the air were of an announcer apologizing to listeners and telling him he was being forced from the building, the group said.

Iraq

Government seizes Sunni headquarters

Hardline clerics group, accused of supporting al-Qaida, questions reasons behind evacuation

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government seized the west Baghdad headquarters of a powerful Sunni Muslim group Wednesday, confis­ cating off the building and accusing the group of support­ ing al-Qaida, the group said.

Iraqi security forces dis­ patched by the Sunni Endowment, a government agency that cares for Sunni mosques and shrines, sur­ rounded the mosque com­ plex at 9 a.m. and demand­ ed that the building be vacated before noon, the association said in a state­ ment posted on its Web site.

Employees were told to remove all personal belong­ ings and haul out furni­ ture, that troops said would be destroyed if left behind, it said.

The group also operates a radio station from the mosque, and its transmis­ sion was cut as well, the statement said. The firing sounds on the air were of an announcer apologizing to listeners and telling them he was being forced from the building, the group said.

The head of the Sunni Endowment, held a news conference at the mosque late Wednesday, addressing the clerics’ group of sup­ porting al-Qaida.

The association of Muslim Scholars has regrettably been attacking any Muslim who seeks to create resistance or worshippers whenever they form a force to purge their neighbor­ hoods of al-Qaida elements. The association has always justified killing and assassi­ nations carried out by al­ Qaida. Ahmed Abdul­ Ghafoor al-Samarraie, the Sunni Endowment chief, told reporters.

"The association no longer has a place here... These headquarters now belong to the Sunni Endowment," he said.

Earlier, another Sunni Endowment official said the government had plans to renovate the Um al-Qura mosque, which sits on gov­ ernment property.

Some employees who were already inside the Um al-Qura building when forces arrived staged a sit­ in, refusing to leave by the moon deadline, the associa­ tion said. Security forces were preventing any vehi­ cles from entering the comp­ound, it said.

Minister struggles with death penalty

NEW HAVEN — It’s not easy for Richard Hawke to support the death penalty. The retired Methodist minister knows that his church opposes capital punishment. And he knows what scien­ tists say about forgiveness. But the 76-year-old looks at a photo of his daughter, Hawke remembers the intrud­ ers who beat and robbed her two daughters last summer in their subur­ ban home.

Hawke, 76, and his wife have strug­ gled with the issue, confiding in friends, searching the Bible and praying. He said he told a prosecutor: “These people had no right to continue to live in society.”

The United Methodist Church opposes the death penalty, but Hawke said it allows for individual conscience. He described himself as an opponent of capital punishment, with some excep­ tions for cases involving rape and chil­ dren.

Jennifer Hawke-Petit, 48, and her daughters were held hostage for several hours before they were killed. Hawke­ Petit’s husband, Dr. William Petit, was beaten but managed to escape the house, which the attackers were already inside the building. The group said the building was forced into the hands of insurgents.

The drei­gole sighted in Florida

From her third-floor window, she watch­ ed as they reached a pile out of squad cars, slap cuffs on young black men and take them away. Like other tenants, these two believe there’s a simple explana­ tion: money.

Ahmed Abdul-Ghafoor al-Samarraie, the head of the Sunni Endowment, dispatched security forces Wednesday to seize the headquarters of a powerful Sunni Muslim group.

"The association no longer has a place here... These headquarters now belong to the Sunni Endowment," he said.

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"The first point is that we are all children of Abraham; the second point is that we are both monotheists, and the third point is that we have sacred books, the Bible and the Quran," explained Migliore.

Migliore said Christians and Muslims have many things in common as human beings and are united in their love of Abraham. Quoting a famous theologian, Migliore said: "The most important tree in the desert is the tree of theology." Migliore is the author of a Vatican II document, "Nostra Aetate," to explain how the Catholic Church regards non-Christian religions, specifically the Muslims.

"They [John MacArthur], do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as God," Migliore said, reading the document. "Nostra Aetate" states that, though Muslims do not recognize Christ as God, they do honor God as the maker of the whole human race. They honor Mary as the Virgin Mother and they also value moral values.

He discussed the importance of the words "brother" and "neighbor" to both religions and how both words are used frequently in religious dialogue.

Migliore emphasized the importance of the love of God and the least by neighbor and discussed a Muslim document titled, "A Common Word Between Us and You," which shows the respect and understanding between Christians and Muslims.

Currently, close to 150 Muslim delegates have signed the document. Despite the effort, there is still a rift between the religions, Migliore said.

"If Christians and Muslims want to find common ground, they must start with God," he said. "We went on to discuss how religions, no matter what the denomination, have a form of the "golden rule," Migliore said every religion should follow this rule, which is that people must love one another. Migliore briefly discussed the spread of terrorism, and said extremists do not speak for religions as a whole.

"We must show interreligious the same texts they use for terrorism, let them know their actions do not promote peace," Migliore said.

Migliore emphasized the importance of love and peaceful dialogue between religions.

These dialogues must be engaged in by believers, not diplomats," Migliore said.

Migliore spoke to a standing-room only crowd at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. His speech was titled "Catholicism and Islam: Points of Convergence and Divergence, Encounter and Cooperation." University President Father John Jenkins thanked the Archbishop for coming and welcomed him to Notre Dame.

A question and answer session followed the lecture. At the end of the event, the Archbishop was presented with gifts of appreciation.

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The College of Arts and Letters Invites Faculty and Staff Nominations for the Sixth Annual Arts and Letters Award of Appreciation

The College of Arts and Letters announces its sixth annual Award of Appreciation, to be conferred on an outstanding faculty or staff member from outside the College.

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Please send or email a brief letter to the Committee describing the outstanding contributions your nominee has made to the life of the College of Arts and Letters.

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Gold prices tumbled Thursday since 1980. and fund cinema schools over the years. as the market wrestles with a correction lowering the metal's climb to levels not seen he donated $1.5 million to endow the Hugh M. Leflern's name, holds more than eight decades IN BRIEF and historic documents, the university said. The money will fund a central exhibition

**Market Recap**

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**Commodities**

| LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.) | 0.66 | 93.43 |
| GOLD | -27.40 | 787.30 |

**IN BRIEF**

**Gold prices fall after recent peak**

NEW YORK — Gold prices tumbled Thursday as weaker energy prices and a slight rise in the U.S. dollar prompted investors to pull back from the safe-haven metal and book profits after months of sharp gains.

The commodities market moved broadly lower as the greenback gained strength, making gold appear more expensive to foreign buyers. Energy, metals and agricultural futures declined.

Gold prices have become extremely volatile as the market wrestles with a correction following the metal's climb to levels not seen since 1980. The big day-to-day moves of $20 to $30 an ounce seen this week should be expected, analysts say, after the price of gold ballooned $200 in fewer than three months. Although analysts described Thursday's move as partly technical in nature, a drop in energy prices and strength in the dollar added to the pressure.

Hugh Hefner donates money to USC

LOS ANGELES — Hugh Hefner has donated $2 million to the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts. The money will fund a central exhibition space in the new headquarters of the school and an archival repository for student films and historic documents, the university said.

The existing repository, which bears Hefner's name, holds more than eight decades of student films, including some by George Lucas.

"I've always believed that following one's dreams is very important," Hefner said in a statement from USC. The 81-year-old Playboy founder has contributed millions of dollars to preserve films and fund cinema schools over the years. Hefner gave $100,000 to USC in 1992 to create a course, Censorship in Cinema, and in 1995 he donated $1.5 million to endow the Hugh M. Hefner Chair for the Study of American Film.

**Georgia drought hurts agriculture**

**Farmers worry about competing with Atlanta, Florida for water; state enact new restrictions**

Camilla — Southeast Georgia is one of the most productive agricultural regions in Dixie, but you wouldn't know it from the soil under the corn, peanuts and cotton. It can be sandy, it can be pebbly, and it doesn't hold water very well.

That begins to explain why irrigation is so vital here and why the mere suggestion that some of the region's water might be taken away fills folks with fear and resentment.

With a historic drought gripping the Southeast, Georgia farmers are increasingly worried that their needs will be sacrificed to those of Atlanta — a city of runaway growth and seemingly unquenchable thirst — or water-guzzling Florida.

"Atlanta needs to take a hard look at what's happening in the metro area," said Bubba Johnson, a 60-year-old farmer who grows cotton and corn on a 500-acre plot. "There's going to be a heck of a battle if they try to come down here to get the water."

The drought has forced much of the state to enact unprecedented water restrictions, and legislative leaders want to build more state reservoirs. Some — including Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin — have also floated the idea of transferring water from other places via pipelines.

Franklin has not specifically mentioned pumping water from southeast Georgia's Flint River or its tributaries, but the possibility has stoked the long-standing tension between the big city and the countryside.

"I don't want to throw a brick at Atlanta. But I feel like we're getting squeezed between entities as everybody competes for water," said Glenn Cox, a farmer in Camilla. "We just don't have enough clout. There are more trees in this plot of land than there are people in this county."

The drought also has forced a well-known Atlanta nursery to file for bankruptcy in what is perhaps the first major corporate casualty of the drought. The dry conditions and a ban on outdoor watering kept customers away from Pike Nursery Holding, which calls itself the nation's largest independently owned garden center, said vice president Wayne Juers.

"It caught us a little bit off guard. Homeowners started turning on homeowaters," Juers said. "And if you're planting passes out there, they think you're a criminal."

In a recent editorial, Valdosta Daily Times lashed out at Atlanta, accusing it of hogging water while farmers watch their crops burn in the fields. Atlanta politicians, the newspaper said, "can't bring themselves to tell their greedy constituents complaining about the low flows in their toilets this week that perhaps if they didn't have six bathrooms, it might ease the situation a bit. That watering year hasn't just as important as watering crops, so that their greedy overbuilding has taxed their supplies of natural resources beyond their capabilities."

Between 1990 and 2000, Atlanta added more than 1 million people and its water use climbed 30 percent.

**Despite gas prices, travel continues**

WASHINGTON — Gas prices near record highs at a time of year when they usually decline will not deter drivers from hitting the road this Thanksgiving, AAA said Thursday. The travel agency expects a record 38.7 million Americans to travel 50 miles or more from home over the five days beginning Nov. 21. That is a 1.6 percent increase over last year. Roughly 90 percent of those trips will be by car, and motorists will pay an average of 90 cents a gallon more for gas than they did last year.

The drought also has forced a well-known Atlanta nursery to file for bankruptcy in what is perhaps the first major corporate casualty of the drought. The dry conditions and a ban on outdoor watering kept customers away from Pike Nursery Holding, which calls itself the nation's largest independently owned garden center, said vice president Wayne Juers.

"It caught us a little bit off guard. Homeowners started turning on homeowaters," Juers said. "And if you're planting passes out there, they think you're a criminal."

In a recent editorial, Valdosta Daily Times lashed out at Atlanta, accusing it of hogging water while farmers watch their crops burn in the fields. Atlanta politicians, the newspaper said, "can't bring themselves to tell their greedy constituents complaining about the low flows in their toilets this week that perhaps if they didn't have six bathrooms, it might ease the situation a bit. That watering year hasn't just as important as watering crops, so that their greedy overbuilding has taxed their supplies of natural resources beyond their capabilities."

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A jump of 15 cents a gallon from current levels, already well above last year's average of $2.23, also would surpass May's all-time record of $2.23 a gallon.

Gas prices traditionally fall in the winter months as demand ebbs from summer highs, but all prices rising with $100 a barrel and low fuel stockpiles have reversed that trend this year. Still, demand for gasoline over the four weeks ending Nov. 9 was 0.6 percent higher than a year earlier, averaging more than 9.3 million barrels a day, the Energy Department said Thursday.

"This is the first time that we have seen gas prices tipping over $3 a gallon in November," Robert L. Darbelnet, president and chief executive of AAA, said in a statement. "But Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for family gatherings, and higher gas will not discourage Americans from reconnecting with their loved ones."

Some 31.2 million motorists will hit the road for Thanksgiving, a 1.3 percent increase from last year. Another 4.7 million will travel by air, and the remainder will go by train, bus or other transportation.

While travelers will be paying more at the pump, hotels,airfares and car rental prices are mostly declining this year, according to AAA. Holiday hotel rates are down 3 percent for AAA-Rated Three Diamond hotels and up a modest 1 percent at Two Diamond hotels. The average decrease in rental car prices is 12 percent, and airline tickets are down about 7 percent.

Cheaper airfare or not, the airline industry this year urged holiday travelers to get to the airport extra early due to an expected 4 percent jump in passenger traffic.
Sources engaged with the topic say sex crimes are often seriously underreported. They cite as evidence of extreme underreporting U.S. Department of Justice statistics that between 20 and 25 percent of women will be raped sometime during their college career. Despite these statistics, student leaders and officials say increased awareness and individual commitments to reducing sexual assault can have a real impact.

"If anyone, if any place could be free of sexual violence, it could be a place like Notre Dame," said Ann Firth, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

Campus dialogue about issues of sexual assault has been formally generated within the University's Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention, a committee of representatives from throughout the campus community and the Gender Relations Center, among other venues.

"There is a greater openness to talking about these issues," Firth said.

Openness has increased particularly among men on campus — a change that is critical, said Bill Kirk, Associate Vice President for Residential Life.

With the vast majority of offenses perpetrated by men, the issue cannot be resolved until men take ownership of it, Kirk said.

"This is not a women's issue," he said. "This is a student's issue.

A small group of men engaged with the issue came together in full 2005 under the title Men Against Violence. The group formed so that "standing up male role models on campus would bolster other men accountable to work for social change," said Heather Rakozy, director of the Gender Relations Center.

Membership in Men Against Violence has increased each year since its inception, group co-founder John Corker said. The group operates as a task force under the jurisdiction of the Gender Relations Center while assuring confirmation of its status.

Corker, now an Admissions Counselor, said men are finally joining women in addressing a problem that affects everyone.

"Men are really signing onto the issue, but it's under the leadership of women," he said. "The leadership continues to begin and end with women."

Corker cited the expanded role of MAV and the work of Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention as evidence of growing campus engagement with issues of sexual assault.

"We have gotten to the point where the campus community recognizes this is a tangible issue here at Notre Dame," he said.

MAV focuses its efforts on men who regard sexual assault as a problem but don't see it as relevant to their lives. "Probably the biggest obstacle we are continually overcoming is the mindset that if I don't harm women and I'm not involved in assault or sexual assault, it's not something that affects me," Corker said.

Any man with female friends, a mother, sisters, or any other female in his life needs to realize the significance of actively addressing sexual assault, he said.

"Surely on this campus knows somebody who has been affected by it," Corker said.

MAV's projects have included drives to encourage male students to sign a pledge. Also, an annual spring poster campaign shows groups of men involved in different activities — including football, hockey, and the Liturgical Choir — framed with a Department of Justice statistic that one in six sexual assaults on college campuses are committed by a man they know.

The campaign's message is that "whatever you do, do not be violent," Corker said.

Corker said the presentations at an annual Indiana conference on sexual violence prevention has led to start up men's organizations at other colleges in the state — an increase Corker said is indicative of a trend on campuses across the nation.

The traditional social power ascribed to men in society increases the impact of their activism, said Rakozy.

"Some men can only bear challenging the system like this from other men," she said.

This, she said, is even the case for some women.

In Notre Dame, MAV brought feminist activist Jackie Katz to campus. More than 220 people — half of them men, half women — in the audience as Katz said men need to stand up against a culture that values the physical and sexual subjugation of women.

"There are very many people at Notre Dame who want to make a change in the world," Redding said. "And they spend a lot of time doing it."

"This is an issue that with just a little bit of effort, specifically becoming more vocal on the issue, we can see a lot of change," she said.

According to U.S. Department of Justice data provided by the Gender Relations Center, one in four college women will be the victim of an attempted or completed sexual assault this year, and one in six men will be sexually assaulted during their lifetimes. This data also found that nine of 10 women raped on college campuses do not report the assault.

During the period from 1996 to 2006, 27 feasible sex offenses were reported to have occurred on campus, according to information compiled by NERF in compliance with federal requirements.

The reports for each year contain between zero and two reported rapes.

"Anecdotally I can tell you, as a recruiter, that's not at all what's going on," Rakozy said. "Rape and sexual assault are happening on our campus.

"Even though survivors of rape and sexual assault are always given discretion about whether they press charges or take any other action, Rakozy said they can do a "tremendous service" to others by reporting the crime.

With national statistics of sex crimes occurring on college campuses so high, and zero to two rapes reported to have occurred at Notre Dame each year, "you would need to see this is being covered up," Kirk said. "It absolutely isn't."

In addition to the many reasons for which a survivor might choose not to report statistics at all, the published statistics are also affected in that they only account for offenses that occurred on campus.

Most sexual assaults reported to Notre Dame Life occur off campus, he said.

"We know it's a dramatically underreported crime," Kirk said.

Survivors of sexual assault may hesitate to report for a variety of reasons, he said. Among these may be the influence of alcohol or fear of disciplinary action for any role-shaking.

Both Kirk and Rakozy emphasized that if someone reports a sexual assault, no disciplinary action will be taken against the person reporting for any du lac violations what-
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and unfounded," she said.

Some survivors wonder whether, as children of a comme-

Community whose Catholic values dis-

favor premarital sex, they can still be considered virgins, she

said.

"To equate a person who has been raped with someone who

has chosen to have sexual intercourse could not be more wrong,"

Rakoczy said. "rape is a crime."

Any student found by the Office of Residence Life to have com-

mitted such a crime will be expelled from the university, she said.

Such an expulsion has occurred at Notre Dame, Kirk said.

Kirk said the majority of sexual assaults he's been reported during

17 years in Notre Dame adminis-

tration share a common factor - the presence of alcohol.

"We never want to say the vic-

tim is in any way responsible for sexual assault," Kirk said.

The use of alcohol cannot be

seen as a causal link with a situa-

tion in which sexual assault occurs,

act criminally, Kirk said. But drink-

ing still becomes risk.

"If alcohol lowers your inhibi-

tions, it can put you in dangerous situations," he said.

Alcohol can act as "liquid courage," allowing men to assau-

ling "breeding grounds" for sexual vio-

lence and regretsex.

The U.S. Department of Justice

reports that college students who get drunk at least once a week

are 75 percent more likely to be sexual-

ly victimized than other stu-

dentsc, according to a Gender

Relations Center records.

The Committee on Sexual Assault

was established by Bill Kirk, Associate Vice

President for Residence Life and Student Affairs, Associate Vice

President for Student Affairs. The com-

mittee includes representatives

of the Offices of Residence Life and Student Affairs, Notre

Dame Security/Police, the Gender

Relations Center, the Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life, the Athlete

Office, students, profes-

sors, and more.

The committee's purpose is two-

fold: To ensure resources are in

place for those who have experi-

enced sexual violence and to edu-

cate the community about the

reality of sexual violence and how

it can be eliminated. Kirk said.

"But this includes liking the sort of

Sexual Assault Awareness Week are all

"enabling grounds" for those who

have been victimized to speak,

seek support and come forward.

Kirk said. "That is a very impor-

tant and healthy thing."

Resources are available for all

survivors of sexual assault, regard-

less of how long ago the incident

occurred, she said.

Some survivors are also unsure

about whether what happened to

them is sexual assault, she said.

But if the incident involved physical force, emotional abuse,

the use of alcohol or any drug -

or if it just felt wrong - then the

survivor should be talking to some-

one about it, Rakoczy said.

When a student undergoes sex-

ual assault, the first contact through the University is Assistant

Dean in the College of Arts and

Letters Ava Preacher, the University Victim Resource Person.

"If someone is in crisis or has experi-

enced a rape, they should know where to

start," Rakoczy said.

Preacher provides resources so

that the survivor can decide what to choose or whether she wants to make

Rakoczy said.

"We want to make sure what's available for comment this week.

Notre Dame has a decentralized approach to rape and sexual

assault services rather than a rape crisis center. Research shows

these are equally effective meth-

ods, so long as protocols are fol-

lowed," Rakoczy said.

Resources available to students include S-O-S, the rape crisis cen-

ter for St. Joseph County. Counselling and therapy are avail-

able through University Counseling Center, and a confidential,

on-campus support group is also

available.

Ava Preacher can be reached at

631-7274. University sexual assault

resource information is available online at

http://osa.nd.edu/departments/rape

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members — has been nothing short of "amazing. I haven't heard a single bad thing about the show," Van Mill said after Thursday's production.

The reaction Van Mill has observed this year is consistent with the one last year's organ-

izers noted. "Loyal Daughters and Sons" used 60 percent of the creative material that was used up its predecessor, "Loyal Daughters and Son.

Van Mill and the show's original

writer, then-

senior Emily Weisbecker, con-

ducted inter-

views with differ-

ent sexual assaulted victims last spring to develop the new material includ-

ed in this year's show. Some of those new sto-

ries dealt particularly with the male view of the issue — a per-

spective Van Mill and director Meghan O'Donoghue wanted to emphasize this year.

They added the phrase "and Sons" to the original title because they didn't want to elimi-

nate men who might think the show is exclusively about women and aren't sure, because they think it's impor-

tant to be open about the role of sexual assault cases.

"The [new] title explicitly

shows men are a part of this

issue," Van Mill wrote.

"Loyal Daughters and Sons"

and "Loyal Daughters and

Sons" are a part of this

issue."

Sarah Van Mill

writer

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is here simply because his girl-

friend or his female friends

can usually tell if a guy is

simple driven by the original

mission of "Loyal Daughters,"

which is to give women a voice and a forum where they could discuss sexuality and sexual violence issues.

And the show succeeded in doing that, she said.

Liddy said she's noticed "words like rape or sexual assault" are much more com-

mon on campus now, whereas before last year's production, they were more taboo.

"And now that Notre Dame has accepted the issue is real and that a discussion of it is needed, the next logical step is to include both genders in the debate, to reconcile them," Liddy said.

Van Mill said she's noticed more and more all-male groups attending "Loyal Daughters and Sons."

"You can usually tell if a guy is here simply because his girl-

friend or his female friends

dragged him," Van Mill said.

"And now that there are a lot of groups of guys that just come to the show not because their girl-

friend forced them, but rather because they've heard good things about it or they're just interested in the issue."

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Simpson faces new trial for robbery

Case is not slam dunk, prosecutors aren’t commenting on suit

**Associated Press**

LAS VEGAS — A kidnapping and robbery trial against O.J. Simpson will go on, and prosecutors say they are going to try even more defendants in the case. They believe Simpson himself might seek a plea deal.

Simpson, who has been a model for the last 12 years after being convicted of murder, is now facing a new trial for robbery. Prosecutors say they have found enough evidence to proceed with the new trial.

Simpson’s lawyer, Yale Galanter, said his client was not going to seek a plea deal. He said, "We have heard their testimony, this case is ripe for a plea deal." Galanter said the case "has that feel of a den of thieves," which hurts the prosecution "because only those who’ve been admitting to being present they’re accused of being thieves."

A week or two ago, the prosecution seemed very interested in the case and confident in the strength of its case," Galanter said.

"Now that it’s been subjected to some scrutiny and examination, the prosecutors have to make the following judgment call: Are the chances of success worth the expense and time and effort of trying these defendants given the evidence that has come out?"

The long legal road to trial continues Nov. 28 with arguments and entry of pleas before a new judge. Motions will be filed and arguments heard for months before the search begins for a new jury — one that will pledge to be fair and impartial and put aside everything they have heard about Simpson and his past.

Jack Daniel’s seized, could be dumped

**Associated Press**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Here’s a sobering thought: Hundreds of bottles of Jack Daniel’s whiskey, some of it almost 100 years old, may be unceremoniously poured down a drain because authorities suspect it was being sold without a license.

Officials seized 2,400 bottles late last month during warehouse raids in Nashville and Lynchburg, the southeastern Tennessee town where the whiskey is distilled.

"Punish the person, not the whiskey," said an outraged Kyle Macdonald, 28, a Jack Daniel’s drinker from British Columbia who promotes the whiskey on his blog. "Jack never did anything wrong, and the whiskey itself is innocent."

In some states, authorities are also looking into whether some of the bottles were stolen from the distillery. No one has been arrested.

Authorities are still determining how much of the liquor will be disposed of, and how much can be sold at auction.

Tennessee law requires officials to destroy whiskey that cannot be sold legally in the state, such as bottles designed for sale overseas and those with broken seals.

"We’d pour it out," said Danielle Ellis, executive director of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

The estimated value of the liquor is $1 million, possibly driven up by the value of the antique bottles, which range from 3-liter bottles to half-pints.

One seized bottle dates to 1914, with its seal unbroken. Ellis said it is worth $10,000 on the collectors market. Investigators are looking into whether the liquor was being sold for the value of the bottles rather than the whiskey.

"Someone was making a great deal of profit," she said.

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ConAgra fixes flaws in pot pie plan

USDA allows company to resume making product after salmonella scare

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The USDA allowed ConAgra Foods Inc. to resume making its Banquet and private label pot pies because the company corrected the flaws in its safety plan at its Missouri plant, inspectors found after the pies were linked to a salmonella outbreak.

Those pot pies were recalled last month after hundreds of people who ate them became ill. A spokesman for the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Thursday that ConAgra took action to correct the problems inspectors found after the Oct. 11 recall.

"Specifically, we improved the record-keeping for how we developed our cooking instructions and improved our testing for incoming ingredients per the USDA's request," ConAgra spokesperson Stephanie Childs said.

"We believe the favorable resolution of ConAgra's Banquet salmonella issue eliminates a number of negative scenarios surrounding the stock," Driscoll said. The stock price will likely improve, he said, as ConAgra's restructuring plan moves forward.

But the company still faces several lawsuits related to the recall, which was the second ConAgra recall this year because of salmonella.

Childs said ConAgra wasn't identifying its ingredient suppliers for the pot pies or any of its foods. And she would not say whether the company uses imported ingredients in its pot pies.

"ConAgra Foods works with both domestic and international companies to source ingredients for all of its products," Childs said. "For both domestic and international suppliers, ConAgra Foods has put in place measures to ensure the safety of the ingredients that are used in our products, and we have enhanced those measures for all suppliers.

Imported foods have generated headlines this year because of recalls involving contaminated fish, chemically spiked pet food ingredients, toxic toothpaste and other products.

ConAgra's stock gained 24 cents, or about 1 percent, to trade at $23.68 Thursday afternoon.

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Football: Raise your helmets

Sophomore offensive lineman Sam Young walked to the northwest corner of Notre Dame Stadium last week after yet another home loss and did something that has largely been forgotten or ignored by the football team this season. He raised his golden helmet in salute to the student section. Young then turned to his teammates and urged them to do the same. No one raised an arm.

In years conferences of the past few weeks, reporters have frequently asked players and coaches what student support means to them. Every answer is the same: We appreciate that the students still have our backs.

So why doesn't the team perform this simple gesture of respect? A student body that has supported them throughout the worst season in school history?

It's such a small thing — what in the past was a formality at the end of every game. But to students, it's not small, it's not meaningless and it's not something they can ignore.

It's about respect. After every loss, students have stood and cheered while the team trudges back on the field. Perhaps, if the seniors would raise an arm, it would bring a little happiness and hope to the classroom and the dorms.

"All I know is at the end of the game, win or lose, we walk over to that corner, and I look at the student body, especially after you lose a game, and I can't believe they're all there. I really just can't believe they're all there," coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday.

But yet for all of Weis' admiration of student loyalty, why hasn't he stressed to his players the importance of the student salute? He spent four years in the student section. He should know.

The seniors and fifth-year players know it's like to lose frequently, but in the last two years they know what it's like to win. Yet it took an underclassman in Young to recognize that even in defeat the team must show class and acknowledge the students.

Yes, for the past several seasons, the team raised its helmets after losses, but that was done with the confidence that next week would bring a victory. That is not the case this year, when each week seems more trying than the next. It would have been difficult, but right thing to do after every loss. The trum, however, failed.

But whether the team loses Saturday to Duke or wins and takes a step forward toward next season, it can gain much by returning the respect the students have shown all season. It takes one simple movement.

Raise the helmets.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**
Win one for the seniors

For us seniors, Notre Dame football in our four years has been an emotional rollercoaster. We were together the first time we watched Notre Dame football as a student body, in stunned disbelief that we could lose to Brigham Young. We were together in Rock's House, or should I say Ryon's House, the following Saturday with a field-storming win over Michigan. We've sat through a cold, rainy, extra-point loss to Boston College, been called "Tiger Bail". We've watched the greatest games at Michigan State, fallen all over each other at the end of USC in '05. But we've also weathered the cold and wind to see one of the greatest games at Michigan State, fallen all over each other at the end of UCLA. The feeling of pride and confidence that we walk away with when a Notre Dame football team wins is one of the reasons we love Notre Dame.

If we have learned anything from Notre Dame football in four years, it's that we never give up. If we can paraphrase a quote from Blue-Gray Sky, a team puts together a few good plays to make a good half, and two good halves to make a win. Wiring a few of those together, and you have a win. Wiring a few of those together, and you have a championship. String a few of those together, and you have dominance. But at the end of it all, it started with those few good plays, two good halves, and one good game. This season may be a loss, but one win can start us on a track that we seniors can look back upon and say, "I was there when it started." Send us out right.

Go Irish, Beat Duke. Stanford, too.

John Neiner
Senior
off-campus
Nov. 15
Democrats’ language lacks rhetorical rhythm

While the technical intricacies of languages around the globe are similar, use of language to politically persuade others is a rarity. For the argument to be convincing, an argument must be persuasive, visual and memorable. Focus groups have taught political strategists that a favorable reaction begins with a convincing and memorable message. Presently, the Democratic leadership on Capitol Hill lacks the adeptness of language that former Republican Speaker Newt Gingrich could coin more than a decade ago when he wrestled control of Congress. In all fairness to the Democrats, they are not as skilled in crafting messages their “pay as you go” requirement for the budget mandates that any increase in federal spending be offset by a balanced budget. But unlike Gingrich, Democrats are not using language that better describe their actions and policies.

Notable political wordsmiths Karl Rove and Karen Hughes are famous for parsing single word such as “oil” to “energy,” and “parents” to “mothers and dads” to better solicit support. They believed the White House strategy was clearly run-up to the war in Iraq by describing Saddam Hussein as a “grave and gathering threat” to our national security. Those Republican operatives were so skilled at their craft that they even recycled the intense fearul emotions elicited from “al Qaeda” by proclaiming the existence of “al Qaeda” in America today.

Democrats must remember that successful rhetoric starts with the argument – or in their case, redefine established Republican messages. Last year, this writer created a democratic message delivery for a congressional race in a district that is solidly GOP in their incumbent. Our strategy focused on using words like “wellness” and “political correctness,” which elicited strong emotions from Republicans who had defined them decades ago. In our campaign, the Democrats could immediately relate to Republican voters by proposing that it was time to “take the Iraqi politicians off of American welfare” and let only Iraqis guard the Green Zone. That way, “Iraq’s politicians” put their own lives on the line, they would be more serious to unilaterally compromise to form a government.

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), legislation designed to protect workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation. Liberal California Democrat and House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller missed a chance to redefine special rights during the floor debate. Traditionally, conservatives label any effort which they oppose as addressing discrimination as a “special right,” implying that the public is somehow denied sexual expression. Conservatives labeled the Equal Rights Amendment of the 1970’s a “special right” for women, claiming that they are already covered like the rest of American men under the Constitution. In the 1990’s, conservatives once again ignored the fact that a segment of society faced glass ceilings and unjustified incriminations by labeling anti-discrimi­ nation laws based on sexual orientation a “special right.” Once more they claimed that gays are covered like the rest of heterosexuals under the Constitution.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More to life than sex

I’m writing in response to all the uproar over the "Gay? Go to Hell" shirts, especially Nikki Huizar’s letter ("I-evaluating ‘teachings’ on homosexuality.") Nov. 15). First, let me begin by saying that the people wearing these shirts were executing an abominable act. It’s appalling that people wearing these shirts.

This fact, which is precisely why priestly celibacy is such a facet of our Church and Catholicism, is normality based on perception

The vast majority of human beings are heterosexual. Surprising, I know, in fact it is estimated that only three percent of the population are born homosexual. We are a minority group, we are not born this way and we are all alike. Normality is a funny thing. Social norms are constructed by society, and those who adhere most closely to those norms run society. They are created by those in power and are used to sustain their dominance. That leaves us with a whole bunch of white, upper class, heterosexual men telling women not to vote, telling blacks not to go to school, and telling homosexuals that they should “Go to Hell.” Homosexuality is unacceptable. Rarely, however, does it imply that something is disordered.

Homosexuality is a product of natural forces, both biological and social. Variation is a normal part of the natural world. It is a natural, normal variation. The Church made it abnormal only through its teachings. What all this means is that homosexuality is as normal as heterosexual. It’s just less common. The only reason people think homosexuality is bad is because society tells them it is. We call this social ideology "heteronormative," a word that refers to the marginalization and devaluing of the homosexual and homosocial experience. The Catholic Church in the United States itself at a heteronormative institution when it perpetuates this myth that homosexuality is "deviant" and "disor­ dered." "Heterosexuals are pretty much in charge of everything, in particular the gov­ ernment and the Church. (But, not MTV!)" Last week, Indiana congressman Mark Souder wrote that ENDA "set up another class of discrimination, once again pitting sexual discrimination up against the right to practice religious liberty." Souder asserted that faith-based organizations with flatly clauses against extramarital sex or one man-one woman marriage clauses had "no defense of marriage" in the bill to follow their messages. He argued that only specifically defined marriage laws apply under this legislation, organizations which "have any kind of ministry goal and aren’t a profoundly Christian organization that falls under the very narrow definition of marriage." Last year’s amendment, he wrote, is "in deep trouble here.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
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It is every foodie’s favorite. It is instructional, entertaining, and eternally perky. It is what reminds you that the die-for-dishes really exist, even if you are stuck in the middle of the semester despairing over the dining hall. It is the Food Network. And you really begin to understand its brilliance when you’re hungry.

After capturing your attention with skilled chefs preparing mouth-watering dishes, the Food Network offers thousands of delicious recipes to try yourself. Supplemented by its Web site, which allows the curious to search by ingredient, the channel inspires new and old cooks to try something different. By bringing professional chefs out of their kitchens and into viewers’ homes, the Food Network offers a glance into how good food really can be.

It is astounding how some of those chefs have achieved star status. Emeril Lagasse, one of the first Food Network stars whose catch phrase “BAM!” quickly integrated itself into popular culture, has 10 award-winning restaurants across the country. Bobby Flay’s “Mesa Grill” concept has developed into restaurants, products and cookbooks. In addition to her Food Network cooking shows, Rachel Ray has an Emmy-award winning talk show on CBS. Nearly all of the chefs have their own cookbooks, and many developed their own lines of kitchen supplies.

Nevertheless, the real star is the food itself. Of course, sometimes what looks easy on TV isn’t always so. Rachel Ray has some excellent recipes, but very few that are actually “30 minute meals,” unless you too have a staff to do all of your cutting and chopping. And some of the ingredients these chefs can access are not readily found in my grocery store, or within the capabilities of my wallet. Ever picked up saffron? Be wary of spices sold in grants, college student, and put it back right now.

But who says you need to always bother with that whole actually cooking thing anyway? One afternoon my mother and I developed a severe craving for fish and chips after flipping past the Food Network. Did we nervously walk by that hot oil? Of course not! We just let our other friend Google save the day and locate us a restaurant in the area that served the dish we longed for and discovered one of our favorite restaurants as a result.

Not into the instructional shows? The Food Network splits its programming into two sections, “The Food Network in the Kitchen” and “Food Network Nighttime.” Ranging from cooking competitions to behind-the-scenes looks and reality shows, the evening programming includes favorites such as “Iron Chef”.

“Iron Chef,” a Japanese show dubbed over in English. The show, which features chefs battling to create the best meal out of a surprise ingredient, is not only intriguing for the resulting dishes but also hilarious for the campy and eccentric feel.

The Food Network does not look like it intends to stop expanding anytime soon, either. In 2000, it launched Food Network Canada, with its own set of hosts and programs. In addition to marketing some of the products of its personalities, department stores have begun to carry Food Network labeled kitchen supply.

But really, don’t you want to watch just so that you can imagine eating it all? And now it even comes in HD. So, grab your E.V.O.O extra-virgin olive oil, of course, and kick it up a notch with the Food Network.

It is the Food Network. And you really begin to understand its brilliance when you’re hungry.

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Charmparty

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Calling to mind 90s alt-rock groups like Blind Melon and the Cranberries while still feeling as modern as bands like Muse, the Portland, Oregon-based band Charmpartides has created a compelling mix of strong guitar hooks and ethereal vocals on its first full-length album, “Alive in the Hot Spell.” The band has only a handful of prior releases, and this one feels just right. There’s something almost addictive about this album, and hopefully it isn’t the last Charmpartides creation to hit the billboard charts.

Originally, the Charmpartides lineup centered on the harmonious pairing of singer/guitarist Pamela Hooney and fellow vocalist Adam Wayne. With Wayne’s recent departure, however, Rookey’s vocals are rounded out by drummer Nathansed Merrill and guitarist Sarah Fitzgerald. Despite any lineup changes, the band’s sound doesn’t feel uneven or shaky, and Rookey’s vocals are more than street enough to carry the weight of each song.

The album opens with “Black Braid,” a track whose unaesthetically first notes feel more like a lullaby than anything else. Combined with Rookey’s soft soprano, the slight electronic sound of “Black Braid” is dreamlike and seductive, an aesthetic that continues in many of the album’s other tracks. With the first track, Charmpartides is slowly drizzling in its listeners for an hour-long ride through an alt-rock dreamland.

The second track, “Gold Plated Shot,” keeps you guessing as it establishes the guitar style that defines much of the album: rock/alt-rock with an all-electronic, en-musical-path feel. The song’s alternating tone and harmonic vocals are juxtaposed against Fitzgerald’s guitar work.

Alive in the Hot Spell

Charmpartides

Label: Terrestrial Records
Recommended Tracks: “Black Braid,” “Plated Shot,” “Relapse,” “Ablation Cose”
Battle for the Chapel

Keenan and Stanford share a building.
On Sunday, they will share the Stadium.
**Men’s InterHall**

Rivalry renewed: Keenan, Stanford meet again

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI

Sunday will be the Battle for the Championship to mention the InterHall Championship.

No. 1 seed Stanford takes on No. 3 seed Keenan at 1:30 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium in a rematch of the last game of the regular season, where Stanford beat Keenan 12-8.

In the same building has created a rivalry between the two teams. Stanford senior captain Rob Huth said Keenan’s success is the result of keeping things simple.

Keenan senior running back Andres Hernandez was happy to get the chance to play against Stanford.

"We feel like people have underestimated us throughout the season," Huth said. "And that’s been a big motivation for us. No one gives us a chance, so we kind of play with that chip on our shoulder, and it’s worked to our point. Keenan’s always showed us as a little brother so we want to go out there and give those guys a tough game."

"Tough" is certainly one word that could describe Stanford’s win over the Knights in the regular season, a game that Huth said helped his team both in terms of confidence and in the road to the championship game.

"Up until that point, we hadn’t beaten Keenan in three years, and winning that game was big for us," Huth said. "I think it’s been on the conscious in the playoffs, which has helped. So it turned out to be a pretty important win for us."

Huth said the ability of the Griffins defense has been the key to Stanford’s powerful running attack was the determining factor in the win.

"Not only were the Griffins on offense but also their defense," Huth said. "They have their hands full with the talent we have on offense, so they have to trade in their helmets and shoulder pads for clipboards and headsets — it is still InterHall."

When seniors Matt Gibson and Brian LeBeau tore their ACL’s in the same game, Stanford needed to shake up its offensive line.

"That was a big blow," Rosti said. "We were hoping for a good showing up front for the remainder of the season, but the junior line was out of sync."

LeBeau spent the summer repairing basketball-related leg injuries, but both thought their interhall football careers were over.

"It was pretty rough," LeBeau said. "We thought we were done for the season."

Despite some early struggles, Gibson and LeBeau have each found their groove, if they hadn’t, their teams wouldn’t still be playing.

Both contrasted their time on the field with their new roles on the sidelines.

"Now I have to see the big picture," LeBeau said. "I’m more involved with everyone on the offense." Gibson said these positions have taught him to focus on the details.

"You don’t even realize when you’re in the game when you sit back and watch, there’s just so much going on that you’re not really paying attention to one thing." Gibson said he’s becoming more "more and more comfortable every week." He added that playing for Stanford, I already knew what had worked for us in the past, and what our strengths were," he said. "So that definitely has given me an insight into what kind of plays to call."

Senior captain Rob Huth called Keenan a "great opportunity to get the ball back in the hands of a real solid offensive line." Huth said the team’s focus has been on clearing up some coverage issues the coaches noticed in the teams’ first meeting.

"I think that’s the case," Huth said. "He’s been looking to pass in the past, and he’s got to throw it a few times so they know what’s looking in the backfield."

While both Gibson and LeBeau have been forced to trade in their helmets for clipboards and headsets — it is still InterHall.

"They’re never going to be the same as it has been all season." Rosti said. "But I think the guys are happy to be back on the field and playing with each other, so we’re just going to keep pushing and see where it goes."
Cavanaugh challenges dominant Welsh Fam

By SAM WERNER
Sport Writer

Welsh Family and Cavanaugh took different routes to the semfinals. Cavanaugh constantly forced Farley into fourth-and-long situations and forced several key turnovers, a trend it hopes to continue on Sunday.

"Turnovers are absolutely essential to victory," Brown said. "We're going to be looking for interceptions and hopefully our great defensive line can get some big plays for negative yards."

The Chaos defense will certainly be tested against Welsh Family's offense, led by junior quarterback Jenny Gargula. Gargula has thrown four touch­down passes in the playoffs, despite playing with a torn bicep. Bushelle was reluctant to attribute her team's success to one side of the ball despite the fact that Welsh Family scored 21 points per game this season.

It's like in the Stadium before they can worry about strategy. No player on the Welsh Family team has ever played in the Stadium before. The senior class for Cavanaugh reached the Stadium in 2004. Its freshman year, falling to Welsh in the finals.

"Fortunately we were there in 2004," Brown said. "We know what it's like in the Stadium so we're looking at it like just another game."

Bushelle acknowledged her team's championship inexperience, but did not think it would have an adverse effect on its chance Sunday.

"Even though no one on our team has played in the Stadium before, we'll definitely come out focused and ready," Bushelle said. "It's going to be a tough, competitive game. We've all put in the work and are looking forward to Sunday."

Kickoff is at noon Sunday in Notre Dame's homecoming game.

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Coach's battle with cancer inspires players

By JARED JEDICK
Sport Writer

Cavanaugh coach Aidan Fitzgerald credits football with saving his life.

"Had it not been for an injury I sustained while playing football, I would never have taken the CT scan that led to my cancer," said Fitzgerald.

"I was not sure if I was going to get her, Welsh Fam coach Mike Kainer said. "If I thought she was in pain, I was going to pull her."

The coaches battle with cancer.

"The pain was worse sometimes than others. I just focused on what I was doing, not on the arm."

Jenni Gargula Welsh Family quarterback

"Everyone was pretty bummed. Nobody thought that I would be able to play," Gargula said.

When she unexpectedly started for the Whirlwinds in the first round of the playoffs, the morale boost was immediate."

"I cannot say enough about that," Kainer said.

Gargula played for most of the game, enduring intense pain in her left arm.

"The pain was worse sometimes than at others," Gargula said. "I just focused on what I was doing, not on the arm."

When asked why she endured the pain and risked further injury, Kainer's answer was straightforward.

"She stubborn nature," he said. "Gargula's answer to the same question was everything,

"I have to lose," she said.

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Winds of Chaos

Undefeated Welsh Fam and sixth-seeded Cavanaugh took different paths to the Stadium. Now they meet as equals.
Barry Bonds belongs in obscurity

By CHRIS MCGRADY
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When Barry Bonds hit his 756th home run on Aug. 7, a 435-foot blast off of Washington Nationals pitcher Mike Carp, he passed Hank Aaron as the all-time home run king. It struck me as a shame. Aaron was a model of humility, poise and courage, while Bonds is a big-headed and acidic slugger. It is even more of a shame now, as Barry Bonds was indicted Thursday for perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

Bonds' home run title has always been just a touch fishy. He entered the Major Leagues at 6-foot-2 and about 185 pounds. By 2001, he weighed in at 228 and had gone from a fleet-footed base­stealer to a power–slugger, capable of sweeping any ball off the plate and into the stands.

And now Bonds is not just a cheat, as he already was in the eyes of millions of baseball fans who believe he took steroids. He is also a liar. In fact, the man who owns record-setting home run ball said he wants to enter it into the hall of fame with a large asterisk drawn on it. If that happens, Bonds has said, he will never visit the Hall of Fame or have anything to do with the Cooperstown monument again.

Fortunately for him, it looks like he can waste away in obscurity, he has been indicted on four counts of perjury and obstruction of justice. Nothing awful here, but this is my idea — he has to remain standing in one spot until he eventually collapses under the weight of his own swollen head.

He has to spend the rest of his life as the personal servant of each and every person who ever paid to see Bonds play. Need your car washed? Call Bonds. Back rub? Bonds is your man.

Bonds bothers me more than any other professional sports player. He lied to millions of people and fans. He lied to children. He cheated, and he knew he cheated, and yet he still lied. It's a shame and he doesn't deserve any of the success that baseball has brought him. Which makes me think the best punishment is that he should be removed from all the record books and history of baseball and his jerseys should be burned or thrown away. The media should never write another article about him again, and he can waste away in obscurity, where he belongs.

I'm glad that Bonds is finally getting his. He has been indicted on four counts of perjury and obstruction of justice for telling a federal grand jury he did not knowingly use performance enhancing drugs. Our justice system is going to work. Unfortunately for Aaron, it's a few months too late.

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and for the better. "Gold Plated Shot" is probably the strongest song on "Alive in the Hot Spell," and it sets a solid tone for the rest of the record.

"Relapse," the fifth track, is grounded in the band's all-root rocks, again employing successfully that stylistic blend of rock guitar and swirling, ethereal vocals. The song juxtaposes the album's mood with an anger feel — a sentiment that also carries over to the sixth song, "Batthead" — but in a way that allows the album to develop and progress without being limited by its own tropes. "Batthead," takes this development further in its lyrics as well, leaving the listener musingful as Rooney repeatedly sings, "So much wasted."

The lengthy introduction on "Ablation Cascade" lets Fitzgerald impress the listener with her best guitar work. Showcasing how critical she is to the band's overall sound.

Other strong tracks include "The Quiet View," the half-instrumental 11th track, "Kohii,"

The band began as a different group, Drive, when Wayne was still a member. In time, the lineup and name evolved into the Charmparticles of today, which Rooney chose to keep in spite of Wayne's departure. While "Alive in the Hot Spell" is arguably a solid contribution to the music store, Rooney acknowledges that climbing to the top has always been easy.

"Oh yeah. It's really easy to be starry-eyed when you're 21," Rooney said in a recent interview with Portland magazine Willamette Week, "and you're finally playing a gig at that venue you always wanted to play. I remember thinking in the Drive days, "Someone's gonna come along and sign us and everybody in the world is gonna love us." Then, after the first couple labels don't call, you go, "Oh, so this is what people were talking about."

Rooney and Co. can easily settle aside any fears with this latest release. "Alive in the Hot Spell" is an impressive first full-length album, and it's likely that industry insiders and casual fans alike will be calling back Charmparticles for a while.

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A-Rod’s $350 million demand becomes $275 million deal

10-year contract will include bonus for breaking career home run record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees have agreed to the outline of a record $275 million, 10-year contract, a deal that potentially would allow him to earn millions more if he sets the career home run record.

The amount of the guaranteed money was revealed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn’t been finalized.

A-Rod and his wife met Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., with brothers Hal and Hank Steinbrenner, but the parameters of the agreement were set in place last weekend.

“The meeting was a final get­together,” Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner said. “He wanted to make sure myself and my brother knew that he was sincere and seri­ous.”

The Yankees still must draft the agreement with Rodriguez’s agent, Scott Boras. Asked whether the only remaining details were putting the deal on paper, Steinbrenner responded: “pretty much so.”

Boras wasn’t part of the negotia­tions, in which Goldstein Sachs managing directors John Mallory and Gerald Cardinale conducted shuttle diplomacy.

“They were the go-between­s, initially,” Steinbrenner said. “That’s how he reached out to us.”

The Yankees were notified by Boras on Oct. 28 that Rodriguez was splitting out of the final three seasons of his $252 million, 10-year contract — the previous record — and becoming a free agent. New York maintained then that it no longer would negotiate with A­Rod because the decision elim­i­nated a $21.3 million subsidy from Texas that was negotiated in the 2004 trade.

About a week later, A-Rod contacted Mallory, a friend who works in private wealth management in Goldman’s Los Angeles office. Rodriguez knew the bank had a close rela­tion­ship with the investment bank, which was instrumental in the launch of the team’s YES Network.

One person called Cardinale, who works in the merchant banking sector in New York and helped finance the net­work. Cardinale in turn got in touch with Yankees president Randy Levine.

A-Rod and the Yankees exchanged proposals via the Internet. The last proposal was put together a provision that would allow Rodriguez to share revenue created by his pursuit of the career home record held by Barry Bonds, who was indicted Thursday on perjury and obstruction charges. A-Rod has 518 home runs, 24 shy of the mark.

“The Yankees have never had a player since Babe Ruth that really had a 100 percent chance” of setting the record, Steinbrenner said. “Alex Mantle should have, but he had too many injuries. It’s a histor­i­cal achievement bonus more than it is an incentive bonus. There is no yearly incentive bonus.”

That provision must be draft­ed carefully because of Major League Rule 3 (b) (5), which states no contract shall be approved “if it contains a bonus for playing, pitching or batting well or if it provides for the payment of a bonus con­tin­gent on the standing of the signing club at the end of the championship season.”

Even with that, the commis­sioner’s office allowed the Boston Red Sox in 2003 to give Curt Schilling a provision for a $2 million raise in a season fol­low­ing World Series champi­onship. Boston won the title the following year.

The Yankees already have been in touch with Major League Baseball and A­Rod’s side contacted the players’ association.

“Because he’s generating such enormous revenue poten­tial, both to the club and the investor,” there should be some way to capitalize on that achievement in some fashion,” said Gene Orza, the union’s chief of lab­oring ofﬁcer. “The devil will be in the details. The minds of men and women in the sport should be able to ﬁgure this out.”

Steinbrenner said Rodriguez was given bad advice by Boras during the time before the decision to opt out.

“Boras did a lot of good things for Alex through the years, and Alex knows that I mean, obviously, he’s going to look to Scott’s advice on every­thing,” Steinbrenner said. “That’s not unusual today. It’s not like he’s the only one. If an agent gets out of line or makes bad decisions, then that’s going to hurt the player. And obviously, that’s one of the things that happened here.”

Rodriguez still winds up with baseball’s largest contract, a fact that got the attention of Schilling.

“None of us are worth that much relative to ‘real world’ salaries,” the pitcher wrote on his Web site. “But if someone in the game was getting a con­tract that big, I am not sure you could argue it being Alex. On the ﬁeld this guy is the MVP-in-waiting every year, it seems.”

Steinbrenner said he thinks that had Rodriguez tested the free-agent market, he would have gotten a more lucrative contract and closed the interest of the Los Angeles Dodgers, led by new manager Joe Torre, and perhaps other teams.

“There are a few clubs who say, ‘Well, he really couldn’t get this才华. Steinbrenner said. “Trust me, he would have gotten probably more. He is making a decision to be a Yankee, there’s no question. ... He showed what was really in his heart and what he really wanted.”

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Giants slugger Barry Bonds prepares to bat during an Aug. 7 game against the Washington Nationals. Bonds, Major League Baseball's all-time home run leader, was indicted Thursday for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Bonds indicted, could face up to 30 years in jail

Associated Press

San Francisco — Barry Bonds, baseball's home run king, was indicted for perjury and obstruction of justice Thursday and could face prison instead of the Hall of Fame for telling a federal grand jury he did not knowingly use performance-enhancing drugs.

The indictment, culminating a four-year investigation into steroid use by elite athletes, charged Bonds with four counts of perjury and one of obstruction of justice. If convicted, he could be sentenced to a maximum of 30 years in prison.

Shortly after the indictment was handed up, Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was ordered into custody by a federal magistrate judge. The San Francisco Giants told the seven-time National League MVP they didn't want him back next year.

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IN BRIEF

Pacers' Peavy unanimous choice for NL Cy Young

NEW YORK — Jake Peavy has been one of the best pitchers in the National League for years. This season, he pulled away from the pack.

The San Diego Padres ace was an unanimous winner of the NL Cy Young Award on Thursday after leading the league in wins, ERA and strikeouts.

"It was just one of those seasons where kind of everything came together," he said on a conference call.

Peavy received all 32 first-place votes and finished with 160 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Arizona's Randy Johnson and St. Louis' Adam Wainwright were runners-up with 112 and 110 points, respectively.

Peavy said he's used to the attention. This is as big as it gets as far as individual awards.

Shortly after the news broke, Putnam's personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was ordered released after spending most of the past year in prison for refusing to testify against his longtime friend.

"During the criminal investigation, evidence was obtained including positive tests for the presence of anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing substances for Bonds and other athletes," the indictment said.

In August, when the 43-year-old Bonds passed Hank Aaron to become baseball's career home run leader, he flatly rejected any suggestion that he took steroids.

"This record is not tainted at all. At all," Bonds said.

Bonds finished the year with 762 homers, seven more than Aaron, and is currently a free agent. In 2001, he set the season record with 73 home runs.

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Williams welcomed back by Dolphins, will practice Monday

MIAMI, Fla. — Ray Williams stood at a window in the Miami Dolphins' player lounge and watched the start of practice as he chomped on an apple, so close to an NFL return he could taste it.

Coach Cam Cameron decided Thursday to welcome Williams back, and he'll be on the field starting with Monday's workout. His first game in nearly two years could come a week later, Nov. 26 at Pittsburgh.

"He'll be a member of this team," Cameron said. "He's a Miami Dolphin."

Again.

Williams has tested positive for marijuana at least four times since the Dolphins acquired him in 2002. Miami's franchise-record playoff drought began that same year.

But it's difficult to imagine how Williams could sabotage a team that's 0-9, and so the long, strange trip continues. Cameron said his players favored Williams' return from the suspension, and the 2002 NFL rushing champion embarrassed yet another fresh start.
NFL

ND grad Grant finds home with Green Bay

Tailback reminds his teammates of former Pack Dorsey Levens

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — Brett Favre can't help but see a double-take when he looks at Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant.

True, Grant is a former undrafted free agent who was sent to Green Bay by the New York Giants just before the start of the season — and the Packers' fourth choice to be their starting running back. But Favre still sees former teammate Dorsey Levens.

It starts with the fact that Grant wears Levens' old jersey number, 22, but there's more to it: the 6-foot-1 frame, the powerful running style, and even the Notre Dame connection.

"The number obviously is striking from that standpoint," Favre said. "But he is a big, physical back, deceptively fast. He kind of takes up on you. I think his role in our passing game can evolve into what Dorsey's role was with us. But he does remind me a lot of him.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy sees it, too. "As far as their frame, their history, their background, as far as where he played college, there are a lot of similarities," McCarthy said. "Brett said it the first week he was here."

Grant certainly appreciates the comparisons to Levens, a key player on the Packers' playoff teams of the late 1990s.

"I know what Dorsey did here," Grant said. "He was a great back, and what he accomplished was very big. So I definitely appreciate it. Honestly, I don't know if I'm deserving of it."

"Deserving or not, Grant is the closest thing the Packers have to a reliable running back right now. And as the weather takes a turn for the worse at Lambeau Field, a revival of one of the league's worst running games would help the Packers position themselves for the playoffs.

Grant says the running game is coming around, even if he isn't willing to take the credit.

"Brett's been playing great all season, and we feel like we're in the position to kind of build momentum to kind of take a little pressure off him," Grant said.

The Packers have been trying to find a running back to help Favre out all season, without much success.

After Alfonso Green signed with Houston as a free agent, projected starter Vernard Morency hurt his knee in the first practice of training camp and has been limited mostly to third-down duty this year.

Second-round rookie Brandon Jackson started the first three games and sprained his ankle. Seventh-round rookie DeShawn Wynn started the next four games and showed some ability, but hurt his shoulder in the Packers' Oct. 29 game at Denver.

Grant, who had carried the ball six times all season, replaced Wynn, carrying the ball 22 times for 104 yards against the Broncos subpar run defense. Grant got his shot at starting in the next game at Kansas City, but gained only 55 yards on 29 carries.

Then came Sunday's game against Minnesota, where Grant gained 119 yards on 25 carries and scored his first career touchdown against one of the league's best run defenses.

"It's only really been three games," Grant said. "I don't look at it as success."

But it's more than the Packers could have hoped for after scoring a late-round 2008 draft pick to New York for him.

As an undrafted free agent out of Notre Dame — Levens played at Notre Dame, too, before transferring to Georgia Tech — Grant signed with the Giants in 2006 and spent his first year on the practice squad. Grant then hurt his hand in the preseason and spent 2006 as the injured reserve. He calls his time with the New York a learning experience.

"Especially being behind Tiki Barber, I learned a lot being with him every day on and off the field," Grant said. "Let me know that I was hungry, and I still loved the game."

 Associated Press

Newcomer to league, D.C.'s Emilio captures MVP award

Associated Press

So much for the "Beckham rule." The MVP of Major League Soccer is a newcomer who arrived without the fanfare that surrounded David Beckham when he signed with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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The 28-year-old Brazilian finished ahead of Juan Pablo Angel of the Chicago Fire in voting by coaches, general managers, players and media.

All three finalists were foreigners new to the league, but Emilio was the only one not signed under the new designated player rule — known as the "Beckham rule" after English superstar David Beckham — that allows teams to ignore the salary cap to pursue two up to high-profile players.

"For me, it's very, very important," Emilio said. "I am surprised because Coach [Fred]收支] and Juan Pablo Angel are very good international players, and I am so happy.

When Emilio signed in January after a three-year courtship by United, he immediately stated his two top aims: win a championship and the goal-scoring title.

He accomplished the latter by finding the net 20 times, the most in an MLS season since Carlos Ruiz scored 24 goals in 1999. Emilio had 23 in 2002. Emilio became the first player to win the goal-scoring title with the benefit of a penalty kick. Emilio helped United qualify for the league's best record in the regular season, but his pursuit of the championship was hindered by a sprained ankle that limited him in both games of the club's first-round playoff series loss to Chicago.

Emilio's route to MLS began in his native Brazil and went through Mexico and Honduras. He was playing for Honduran club CD Olimpia when discovered in 2004 by United technical director Dave Kasper. Kasper, now United's general manager, signed Emilio every year until the Brazilian fell ready to move to the United States, in part because he wanted the best lifestyle possible for his newborn daughter.

"It's definitely very rewarding when you put the work in," Kasper said. "First, you have to get the player to agree to and sign the contract, but to fit in the way Luciano has, both on and off the field, and to be a pleasure to be around, and to have this much success and impact, is a terrific accomplishment and something we're very proud of."

Emilio is the second consecutive D.C. United player to win the award, following midfield Christian Gomez last year. Emilio's superb season has raised his profile on the international scene, but he said he expects to return to Brazil when his contract expires.

"I think so. I have a three-year contract," Emilio said. "We speak next week about next season, but I don't have any doubts, D.C. The team is a big team in the United States, and I think I stay here."

Emilio's biggest improvement over the season wasn't on the field. When he signed in January, he conducted all of his interviews in Spanish with a translator. On Thursday, all of his answers were in English.

"I learned a lot. I know my English is not very good, but I try to speak in the locker room, with teammates," he said with a smile. "I watch a lot of TV. Getting better every day.

Emilio was the only finalist to play the entire season with his club. Angel, a Colombian striker, arrived from Aston Villa of the English Premier League and finished with 19 goals. His debut with the Red Bulls was delayed because of visa problems.

Blanco, a Mexican midfielder, didn't join the Fire until July because of national team obligations. Chicago was 4-8-4 when he arrived, but he led the team to a 6-2-6 finish that snared the final playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.
**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Oregon’s BCS chances, QB take a beating in Tucson**

Heisman candidate Dixon injures knee in first half of defeat

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The curse of No. 2 claimed another victim.

Second-ranked Oregon lost Heisman Trophy candidate Dennis Dixon to a knee injury and never recovered in a 34-24 upset by Arizona on Thursday night.

Oregon (8-2, 5-2 Pac-10) became the fifth No. 2 team to lose since Oct. 6, following USC, California, South Florida and Boston College. The Ducks’ defeat could open the door for third-ranked Oklahoma in The Associated Press Top 25, and for No. 3 Kansas in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

Dixon, Oregon’s gifted starting quarterback, hurt his left knee in the first quarter, about 7 minutes after he ran 39 yards for a touchdown. Dixon crumpled to the turf without being touched and took Oregon’s national championship hopes with him.

“My foot got planted in the ground, and my knee went the other way,” Dixon told ESPN analyst Tim Couch after the game. Dixon was later ruled out of the grandstand and dressed in a brace on the way to the locker room.

Antoine Cason returned a punt 56 yards for a touchdown and an interception 42 yards for another score as the Wildcats shook up the national title race on a cool night in the desert. Red-clad students poured out of the grandstand as the Wildcats (5-6, 4-4) ambushed a ranked team in Arizona Stadium for the fourth straight season under coach Mike Stoops.

Brady Leaf, who replaced Dixon, completed 22 of 46 passes for 163 yards and threw two interceptions. Dixon finished 5-of-8 for 62 yards, and threw an interception. He carried twice for 34 yards.

Arizona quarterback Willie Tuitama completed 21 of 39 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and was intercepted once. Mike Thomas caught two touchdown passes and finished with 70 receiving yards.

The Ducks opened the game with a brisk seven-play, 70-yard scoring drive. On fourth-and-3 at the Arizona 39, Dixon froze the defense with a fake to Stewart, burst through a hole in the right side and ran untouched to the end zone. Ed Dickson ran for the 2-point conversion to put the Ducks ahead 8-0.

Oregon drove to the Arizona 4 on its next possession. Dixon fired a pass that bounced off Derrick Jones’ hands, and safety Nate Ness grabbed the deflection and ran it out to the 45.

Four plays later, the Wildcats scored on a 34-yard pass from Tuitama to Thomas, cutting Oregon’s lead to 8-7.

Then came the play that altered the national title race. On second and 7 at the Arizona 15, Dixon’s left knee buckled as he wheeled to his left on an option play. Dixon had sprained the same knee Nov. 3 against Arizona State, and wore a brace against Arizona.

With older brother Ryan Leaf watching, Leaf replaced Dixon and completed his first pass. But Cason intercepted Leaf’s third throw and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown to put the Wildcats ahead 17-11 early in the second quarter.

That started an Arizona avalanche.

Tuitama hit Thomas for a 46-yard score and Cason’s 36-yard punt return put the Wildcats ahead 31-11 with 5:30 to play in the first half.

Trailing 31-14 early in the third quarter, Oregon had a 13-yard touchdown run by Stewart nullified on a holding penalty against receiver Garren Strong. The Ducks settled for a 34-yard field goal by Matt Evensen.

Oregon pulled within seven on Andre Crenshaw’s 2-yard touchdown run with 7:53 to go in the game.

Arizona answered with an 11-play drive that ended in Jason Bondzio’s 46-yard field goal with 3:29 to go.

Oregon is the highest-ranked visitor to lose at Arizona since the Wildcats knocked off No. 1 Washington on Nov. 7, 1992.
NFL

Peterson gives record jersey to Hall of Fame

Uniform from game RB rushed for 296 yards to be preserved

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Adrian Peterson handed in his uniform Thursday.

Minnesota’s record-setting rookie running back hasn’t quite given up on his promising career, considering a knee injury that will keep him off the field at least for this week. Peterson, rather, had a present for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

He donated the purple No. 28 jersey and white pants he wore earlier this month while rushing for an NFL-record 296 yards against the Detroit Lions.

“You just look for the future and expect bigger things to come and envision maybe one day, God’s will, that I will be in the Hall of Fame itself,” Peterson said.

In return for his uniform, Horigan gave Peterson a black hat and gray shirt bearing the Hall’s insignia. Before answering questions from the media about this honor, Peterson proudly set the hat on the podium in front of him. It looked like a get-well-soon gift, given his current status.

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Hart, Henne get last crack at OSU

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ANN ARBOR — Mike Hart did not guarantee a win over Ohio State, a la Jim Harbaugh a couple decades ago. Michigan coach Lloyd Carr chose not to give him a chance to open his mouth when the week of hype kicked off.

The star running back with shifty moves and loose lips was not among the players Carr made available for interviews, living up to a prediction Carr heard from a reporter.

"He better let me come next Monday. It's the last one," Hart said last week. "He might not let me because I might say something stupid."

Such a...

Guaranteeing a win over Notre Dame or referring to Michigan State as a little brother, as Hart did this year?

Proclaiming things would be "different" if the Wolverines had a rematch with Ohio State, as Hart did last season, adding its defense wasn't "as good as people thought," after losing last year?

Yeah, something like that.

Hart, Chad Henne and Jake Long turned down a chance to make money in the NFL this year, returning for their senior seasons in part for another shot at their nemesis.

The trio's wait is almost over. No. 7 Ohio State (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten) will match up with No. 23 Michigan (10-1, 6-1 Big Ten) on Saturday in Ann Arbor with the outright Big Ten title at stake.

Henne and Jake Long are arguably the best running back, quarterback and offensive tackle the Wolverines have ever had, quite an accomplishment at college football's winningest program.

But if they go 0-4 against the Buckeyes, it will add a permanent blemish on what is otherwise a flawless resume on and off the field. The trio is also 0-3 against Ohio State and our bowl opponent, as they're all going to be very, very successful when they leave Michigan."

But Hart cut off any Ohio State-related questions last week, he did provide hint about how important it is to him to finally beat the Buckeyes.

"Everyone knows already how bad I want to win that game," he said. "I'm going to give everything I've got in that game."

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Long made the biggest gamble financially when he chose to come back because he likely would've been a top-five pick.

"That's not what this game is about," he bristled. "This game is about this team, about this championship. It's not about me. I'm not even worried about that."

In the preseason, however, Long agreed that it was fair to say the trio's legacy would be diminished without a win against Ohio State or a bowl opponent.

"No matter what type of season we have, people are going to look at what we do against Ohio State and our bowl opponent," Long said in August.

While the trio's mark against the Buckeyes will always be remembered, each player has also accomplished a lot of things that can't be taken away.

Hart is Michigan's career rushing leader with 4,867 yards, ranking fifth in Big Ten history, and has run for at least 100 yards in the eight games he has been healthy enough to start this season. A high-ankle sprain has sidelined him for about 37 games.

They hold school records with 9,274 yards passing and 84 touchdowns passed. He added to his lore last month by playing with a separated shoulder at Illinois, helping the Wolverines rally for a 27-17 win. The injury kept Henne off the field for much of last week's loss at Wisconsin and out of a game the week before.

Long was the first of five players The Associated Press listed earlier this year as players worthy of Heisman Trophy consideration, but with no shot to win it.

The 6-foot-7, 315-pound tackle has routinely punished defenses and linemen to pave the way for Hart, and it's difficult to recall a sack being his fault.

Carr is quick to rave about the trio as players and people.

"They've been everything a coach could want in a player and as a representative of this program on and off the field," he said. "When you look at three guys, all of whom could have left early to go on to the draft, and they all came back. To me, that speaks for the fact that they love their experience here."

"They're all going to graduate. And they're all going to be very, very successful when they leave Michigan."

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**SCMC BASKETBALL**

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PHOENIX — The 3-pointers are falling for Leandro Barbosa, and his new teammate Grant Hill looks ever-so-comfortable playing the Suns’ style.

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Shawn Marion

Suns forward

Thomas made one of two free throws to start the fourth.

There were four lead changes and five ties before Thomas’ three-point play.

Barbosa, who scored 16 in the second quarter, hit three straight 3s in an 11-3 spurt that put the Suns ahead 54-41 with 1:09 left. But Gordon sank a 3-pointer and Deng added a layup to cut it to 56-46 at halftime.

Hill, who shot 7-for-9 in Phoenix’s victory over New York on Tuesday, had 17 in the first half against Chicago, 11 in the second quarter.

Five consecutive points by Marion, on a 3-pointer and a driving runner, gave Phoenix a 62-48 lead before the Bulls launched their rally.

Signed as a free agent in the offseason, Hill has quickly acclimated to the Suns’ uptempo style. He had a fast-break layup on a half-court lob pass from Barbosa, the last of his six straight points that put Phoenix ahead 36-32.

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“We had our ups and downs a little bit,” coach Mike D’Antoni said. “Boris had a stinker that was bad, but he came on and his fourth quarter was great. That’s what we have to have.”

Nash had seven assists in the fourth quarter.

“Steve came in and kind of regained control of the game for us,” Chicago coach Scott Skiles said, “and we didn’t have much of an answer for it.”

Ben Gordon scored 24 and Luol Deng had 23 for the Bulls, who rallied from 14 down in the third quarter to take the lead in the fourth. Chicago fell to 1-6 to start the season.

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“We had our ups and downs a little bit,” coach Mike D’Antoni said. “Boris had a stinker that was bad, but he came on and his fourth quarter was great. That’s what we have to have.”

Nash had seven assists in the fourth quarter.

“Steve came in and kind of regained control of the game for us,” Chicago coach Scott Skiles said, “and we didn’t have much of an answer for it.”

Ben Gordon scored 24 and Luol Deng had 23 for the Bulls, who rallied from 14 down in the third quarter to take the lead in the fourth. Chicago fell to 1-6 to start the season.

“I thought we played hard, but toward the end of the game we made some bad decisions,” Gordon said. “We’ve just got to shore some things up.”

“At least this game was an improvement, said Skiles, whose team was blown out at home by 20 points against Toronto in their last game, at home.

“There were stretches for longer time periods when we played a little bit higher-quality basketball, that’s for sure,” Skiles said, “but we’re not in
ND tries to shake early-season funk

By CHRIS DOYEN and ELYNN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame hopes to add one more win to their 1-3 dual meet record when they host Cleveland State tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Last weekend the No. 17 Irish captured their first dual meet of the season over Pittsburgh, 169-131. The Irish squad captured eight individual victories and was led by sophomores John Lytle and Mackenzie Loblanc.

"We're looking at today as a really important measuring stick," Tim Welsh, Irish coach, said.

During the 2006-2007 season, the Irish moved their record to 8-0 after defeating Cleveland State in a meet where they also faced Duquesne and Xavier. The Irish hope to be just as successful this time around.

The Observer

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish are smiling, but for how long?

By ELYNN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's successful final conference weekend put a smile on senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk's face, and Stasiuk hopes she's still smiling after the Irish face No. 5 seed Cincinnati on Nov. 9.

Last weekend had to have been my favorite [Notre Dame] weekend of all my four years," she said. "We are all so pleased with how we played and of how we fought against Cincinnati and Louisville.

The Irish faced off against the Bearcats last Saturday. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis led the offense with six kills and 21 assists, and Notre Dame's outstanding defense earned a 3-1 victory (31-33, 30-23, 30-28, 30-28) that guaranteed the Irish entry into this year's league tournament.

"Our blocking was outstanding, and our scrappy defense kept the ball alive (during the Cincinnati match)," Stasiuk said.

Last Sunday, Louisville made the trip to South Bend to compete against the Irish in front of 1,511 fans. The Irish dominated the match with 11 kills and 11 digs from Stasiuk and a match-high 36 assists from Tarutis.

We outworked our opponents and played intelligently," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. "We really executed our game plan well and just had fun playing. I think the fun and excitement of each match really helped us in the end.

This weekend brought top awards for two Irish players. Fesl received player of the week honors from the Big East and freshman middle blocker Kellie Scavica won her third rookie of the week recognition. Together the two swept the Big East honors for the weekend.

This weekend, the Irish will travel to Marquette to begin competition in the Big East tournament against the Bearcats. Irish coach Debbie Brown and her players plan on improving their offensive tactics to defeat the Bearcats for the second time this season, Fesl said.

"This week in practice, we are focusing on making our side of the net better, and also on slowing down some of Cincinnati's plays that hurt us the first time around," Fesl said.

The match begins at 11 a.m. today at Marquette. If the Irish beat Cincinnati, they will compete Saturday in the Big East semifinals.

"We just have to focus on one match at a time," Stasiuk said. "We have to look at the improvements we can make to ensure our win.

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Hockey

ND begins grueling 5-game stretch
By DAN MURPHY
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No. 10 Notre Dame kicks off a very busy holiday week tonight with a home game against Western Michigan at 7:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center.
The Irish will play a home-and-home series with the Broncos this weekend, and a Tuesday night game against Bowling Green before heading to Troy, N.Y., for the Hessicoker Holiday Tournament. When all is said and done, the team will have played five games in a span of only nine days.

"I'm a little nervous about it, but we have the best strength coach in the country so I know we are in good shape physically," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We'll probably take a day off in the next week but we have to get through these first two games. These will be up-tempo games."

Notre Dame is already coming off of an emotionally draining weekend in Oxford, Ohio, where the Irish split a two-game series with No. 1 Miami on the road.

"We're all excited to get back on track after a tough weekend against Miami," junior goaltender Jordan Pearce said. "We saw a lot of positives and they kind of exploited some of our weaknesses, too.

Pearce turned away 64 of 68 shots last weekend against the most potent offense in the country, with 40 goals in their first eight games.

There was such a great crowd and atmosphere, it's tough to not get up for a game like that," Pearce said.

Despite its 3-5 record, Western Michigan has the potential to fill up the net.

Jackson described the Broncos offense as "high-flying" and said the team needed to improve its forechecking to slow down the fast-paced attack. The speedy Broncos are led by playmaker Patrick Gallivan. The right wing has 10 assists and a goal eight games into his junior campaign.

"He's a very skilled player. He's got great instincts, he thinks through the game extremely well," Jackson said.

Gallivan is averaging 1.38 points per game, which is good enough for third in the CCHA behind Nebraska-Omaha's Bryan Marshall (1.57) and Michigan State's Tim Kennedy (1.61).

The highest Notre Dame player on that list is junior right wing Erik Condra, with ten points through the first 11 games for the Irish. Four of those points have come as a part of the streak Notre Dame power-play.

Notre Dame has been deadly at times with the man advantage, but at other times it has failed to produce. In last Saturday's loss to Miami, the Irish had two key powerplays in the third period that could have tied the game, but the Irish failed to convert.

"We've been all or nothing it seems like," Jackson said. "One of the keys is not losing our emotion. It's not a matter of how many powerplay goals we score, it's a matter of when we score them."

Jackson said part of that will go away as the young unit gains experience on the ice. The Irish currently play four sophomores and a junior on their No. 1 powerplay line and two freshmen on the second unit.

But the young Irish should get plenty of experience over the next nine days.

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Irish right wing Erik Condra scores a goal during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Lake Superior State Nov. 2 in the Joyce Center.

NHL

Reigning champs
dock off Kings

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — The defending Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks finally seem to be building up some steam.

Corey Perry had two goals and an assist, and Chris Kunitz added two assists to lead the Ducks to a 6-3 win over the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday night.

The victory, the Ducks' second over Los Angeles in three games, gave them their first three-game winning streak of the season.

"There's definitely something building," Perry said.

"When you start a streak, guys get more confidence and things start to roll," said a happy Kunitz.

That's what we've got to keep working on — playing our game and keep playing the same way on the road as we do at home.

"Everybody knows their role and everybody's doing their job. When you've got 23 guys on the same page, you're going to be successful. We're just starting to bond together now and starting to play a little bit better," Perry said.

Kunitz scored his first goal while fighting for position in front of the Kings' net, and the second in a quite different manner, by himself.

"You've got to go into those dirty areas, which are where a lot of goals are scored," he said of his second-period goal when he redirected a pass from Kunitz into the net.

"So if you're getting in there and getting your nose dirty, you're going to get rewarded and some are going to go in your favor," Kunitz set him up for his next goal when he made a long pass between defenders and Perry skated in alone to beat Jean-Sebastien Aubin. It was Perry's third of the season and 70th of his career.

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick made 26 saves.

Ryan Getzlaf broke a 2-2 tie when he jammed the puck past the sprawling Aubin at 2:08 of the third. The Kings' goalie blocked a shot by Perry, Kunitz took a couple of whacks at the puck near the left post, and it trickled across the crease to Getzlaf. The goal was his seventh.

The Ducks had a two-goal pad when he scored on a backhand in the crease at 6:19 of the period. Anaheim made it 5-2 on Samuel Girard's power-play goal with 9:05 to play.

After Patrick O'Sullivan scored the Kings' third goal, with 3:19 remaining, Anaheim's Rob Niedermayer capped the scoring with a long, bouncing shot into an empty net with 42 seconds remaining.

Anahiem coach Randy Carlyle obviously was pleased with the win, saying, "It's a divisional tie and our biggest rival, so it's always nice to beat them. They've played us competitively ever since I've been coaching in Anaheim, so there's no easy ones. And by no means was this easy tonight."
Belles head to Albion for conference meet

Competition is first contest after event on Nov. 9 was postponed

Saint Mary's is 3-1 this season, but it has yet to face a conference opponent in a dual meet. That changes tonight, when the Belles open their MIAA season at Albion.

The Britons are 0-2 this season, with losses to conference powers Calvin and Hope.

Saint Mary's dominated two opponents the last time it swam competitively. In a tri-meet in Crawfordsville, Ind., the Belles defeated Rose-Hulman 183-44 and Illinois Wesleyan 157-72.

Saint Mary's won eight of the 13 events that day, including two individual victories by freshman Casey Niezer.

The Belles defeated Illinois Institute of Technology 74-31 and suffered their only defeat, 63-47 to Chicago, in a tri-meet at Chicago on Nov. 2.

Saint Mary's was supposed to face Alma last week at the Rolfs Aquatic Center, but the meet was postponed.

The Belles will play most of their conference schedule on the road over the next two and a half months before returning home to Rolfs for their final conference match on Feb. 1 against Kalamazoo.

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Playing the Muhawks, Brey said, will provide the Irish with experience against an offense before they face it later in the season. "We're going to see Georgetown run that stuff," he said.

If the Irish get by Monmouth, they will play Sunday against the winner of Baylor and Wichita State. If Notre Dame loses, it will play Saturday against the loser of the Baylor-Wichita State matchup.

If the Irish can win both of those games, they will advance to the tournament championship game on Monday. The likely opponent in that game is Georgia Tech or Wimbrop. The Eagles eliminated the Irish from last season's NCAA tournament.

Also participating in the tournament this weekend are Charlotte and Illinois-Chicago. The 49ers will take on the Yellow Jackets in the first round, while the Flames will take on Winthrop.

Notre Dame will play Monday regardless of its performance in the first two games of the tournament. Depending on how many games the Irish win, they will either play in the championship, third-place, fifth-place or seventh-place game.

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the Big East championship game.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said with both teams as hot as they are, the game may come down to chance. "It could be decided on things like free kicks," Waldrum said. "Corner kicks, free kicks, throw-ins - those dead ball situations can become extremely important in tight games."

And then there are intangibles. "The other things aren't as much, but when you have a night off, we're going to come with the most heart and intensity," Waldrum said. "Just that competitive fire and that edge ... you have.

The winner of tonight's match will face either Illinois or Louisville - who play here tomorrow - on Alumni Field Sunday at 1 p.m."

By then the Irish aren't looking past Loyola. In the past four games, the Rams have allowed only two goals. Waldrum said that, when facing such a tough defense, his team needs to take advantage of any and all scoring opportunities - even those that may not appear to be the most promising.

"We need to take advantage of half chances that present themselves," Waldrum said. "We've got to take the opportunity to shoot the ball. Sometimes we want to keep the ball around until we get a perfect shot, and we miss opportunities.

A m b e r s freshmam keep­er Colleen Doughtery has a record of 14-1 with seven shutouts since cracking the starting lineup. She has allowed 1.02 goals per game and has a .784 save percentage in 20 appearances.

Dougherty and the Loyola team will face an Irish defense that averages 2.46 goals per 17.6 shots per game. Junior forward Kerri Hanks leads the Irish with 13 goals and 15 assists, and forward Brittany Bock has 12 goals of her own. Hanks has scored a point in 12 consecutive games.

Loyola forward Cynthia Moro-Arizco leads the Rams with 17 goals and 43 points, both single-season school records. Arizu, the Horizon League player of the year, presents a challenge for the Irish defense.

"She is the real deal. She's a great player. We're looking to have a great year," Waldrum said. "She's a great field, kind of a creative type player. She's very good on the ball. She's clearly someone we're going to have to pay close attention to."

Notre Dame has won two NCAA championships, one in 1995 and the other in 2004. The Irish are 32-5-9 in NCAA Tournament games played on Alumni Field.

Notes:
Senior Amanda Ganalii, Hands, Bock and Elise Weber made the initial ballot for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, presented annually to the nation's top player. The National Soccer Coaches Association will select 15 semifinalists.

Sophomore defender Haley Ford was able to practice this week after suffering a hamstring injury earlier this season. Waldrum was unsure of how much, if any, playing time she could see this weekend.

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Good Luck Erin! From The Dolan Family

The bottom line: We are absolutely no pressure on us to play."

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about the long trip, but it won't be nearly as bad as Australia." he said. "Our ankles won't swell up like balloons when we arrive home."

Notre Dame (1-0) will open the tournament against Monmouth tonight. The Muhawks are 0-2, but both losses were close and on the road.

They lost 63-60 to Colgate on Nov. 30, and Monmouth was down only one and had the ball with seven seconds left, but guard Jasmyn Youngblood had a shot for the lead rim out.

Two days later, the Monarchs took on Big East member Seton Hall and had the Pirates on the ropes before losing 89-84 in overtime.

Monmouth uses a "Princeton-style" offense, which puts the center at the free throw line and relies on him to make crisp passes to cutters and three-point shooters. Junior Dutch Galley had a shot for the lead rim out.

The offense is hard to defend and can neutralize Notre Dame's advantage. But Brey said the Irish also run five and use their plays and defend against them every day in practice.

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Okahoma and the players that really stepped up to come out and have a nice night tonight," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said after Maryland's win over Delaware. "It's just how we're playing so fluid and looking for each other. With all these weapons that we have on the team and the egos, it's a tremendous team.

McGraw said Notre Dame could have trouble matching up with Terps on defense. McGraw said Maryland is even a better team than the Nittany Lions squad that beat Notre Dame 60-51 in the second round of last season's NCAA Tournament.

"They have among the best athletes in the country," she said. "They have just great, great talent. So it will be interesting when we put our game plan together to see how we are going to guard them."

McGraw saw that playing a team at Maryland's level will be a good gauge for how prepared the Irish are for the season.

"We get to play a team that's really talented and we will come home from that game knowing where we stand at that time," she said.

McGraw also stressed that this is only Notre Dame's third regular season game and that, even though upgrading to a top-tier team on the road would be a confidence booster for the Irish, winning is not essential for the team's growth.

"And we're out to win that game, and we're out to win that game and we're out to win that game," McGraw said. "As I told the team, a win in November is not going to get us a free ride to the Final Four. And if we don't do what we want, we can always come back and work on it."

"We just think the opportunity in Tremontown. We have absolutely no pressure on us to play."

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ND Women's Soccer

Prime time

Irish host Loyola in first round of NCAA Tournament tonight

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is 12-1 in its last 13 games, while Loyola-Chicago is 12-2-1 since Sept. 21.

Something has to give tonight when the Ramblers face the Irish on Alumni Field at 7:30 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame (15-4-2) and Loyola have played four times, most recently in 2003 when the Irish beat the Ramblers 5-0, also in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame has outscored Loyola 37-0 in the four-game series.

The Irish have now made their 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament and have played first-round games at home for the past 14 seasons.

The conference championship games ended in penalty kicks for both teams. Loyola (14-4-3) will make its third NCAA Tournament appearance after winning the Horizon League title with a 3-2 PK victory over Milwaukee after playing to a 2-2 draw through regulation and the two overtime periods.

The Irish fell 2-1 in penalty kicks to West Virginia after a 1-1 tie through 110 minutes in the second round of the Horizon League.

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At top, Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen fends off a Villanova defender. At right, Notre Dame defender Julie Scheidler swings at a service ball.

ND Women's Basketball

Maryland awaits in WNIT semi

McGraw says No. 3 Terrapins will challenge Irish defensively

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has won every game this season. Even when Irish coach Muffet McGraw has said that her team did not play well, the Irish have won by a wide margin.

But that is likely to change today when the Irish take on No. 3 Maryland in College Park at 7 p.m. in the second round of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament.

McGraw affirmed Maryland's status as one of the top teams in the country, and she already predicted the postseason run for the Terrapins.

"I think that this is a great opportunity to play a team that everybody, including myself, thinks will be in the Final Four," McGraw said. "I think they're one of the most talented teams in the country. They've got depth, they've got size, they've got speed. They've really got everything that you need to get to the Final Four."

Maryland has been just as dominant as the Irish early in the season — if not more so. In the second round of the Preseason NIT, the Terrapins beat Delaware, 91-43 and had four players in double figures.

Forward Jarell Perry posted the game's only double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds; forward Marissa Coleman had 16 points, guard Kristi Tolliver added 16 and reserve Ashleigh Newman netted 18 points in the win. Maryland also beat then-No. 6 Oklahoma in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic 76-66.

"That's what makes a dangerous team — to be able to see the success we had against them in the NIT, the Terrapins will challenge Irish defensively.

ND Women's Soccer

Squad's third Big East title in reach

Lapira and Co. take on DePaul today; winner faces UConn or Lville

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will try to move one step closer to their third Big East tournament title when they take on No. 19 DePaul in the semifinals at 5:30.

If Notre Dame wins, the Irish will play in the championship game Sunday against either Louisville or Connecticut in Storrs, Conn.

The Blue Demons (12-6-0) were the regular season winners of the Red Division in the conference and No. 10 Notre Dame finished in a tie with Connecticut for first place in the Blue Division.

"I think it speaks for itself when you're nationally ranked at the end of the season, I think you've done pretty well. They had a wonderful year," Clark said.

DePaul's season was highlighted by a 2-0 win over No. 1 Connecticut and a win against St. John's on the road.

The Blue Demons also beat Cincinnati at home to claim their first-ever Big East tournament title on last Saturday.

The Blue Demons joined the conference in 2006 and last Notre Dame in the opening round of last year's Big East tournament.

Clark said DePaul was at the bottom of the league, now they're at the top. Clark said: "We're dealing with two different teams, you certainly don't want to look back."

If the Irish did look back, however, they would be pleased with the results. The two teams have faced off 18 times in their history and Notre Dame has won all but one of the meetings, outscoring DePaul 85-4 in the series.

But as Clark said, this year is different. The Blue Demons allowed only 12 goals in 18 games this season, including 11 shutouts, seven from senior goalkeeper Brian Visser.

Sophomore forward Alex Mangan has led DePaul on defense, with seven of the time.

Men's Basketball

Paradise? More work trip for ND

Players to get some sun, experience at island event

By CHRIS KHOOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame is spending almost a full week in the Virgin Islands, but Irish head coach Mike Brey isn't worried about his team losing focus.

"Part of keeping them loose is having a lot of beach time," Brey said. "All of a sudden you shoot a little better when you've been on the beach."

Notre Dame will compete in the Paradise Jam tournament, hosted by The University of the Virgin Islands today through Monday on the island of St. Thomas.

With three crucial games to play, Brey said, this trip is not a vacation.

"We have to be smart about when we prepare and focus," he said.

The Irish flew to St. Thomas Wednesday. The six-hour plane trip was the longest Notre Dame is scheduled to take this season. But that didn't both junior forward Luke Zeller, who played with a try of his teammates during the summer.

"Some of the guys are worried about the weather," Brey said. "They don't want to look back at this."
The seniors of 2008 had roller coaster careers at Notre Dame. Saturday, they’ll try for one last win at the Stadium.
COMMENTARY

Adversity never stopped seniors

Seventeen scholarship football players arrived at Notre Dame in the fall of 2004. Only seven are still on the roster.

The Class of 2008 has seen attrition in every way imaginable. Some players had bad luck — like linebacker Abdul Bande, who suffered a career-ending injury. Some decided playing varsity football wouldn’t be part of their Notre Dame experience after all — like John Kadou and Stanford Interhall star Treve Howard.

Some were upset about the coaching change or lack of playing time — like running back Justin Hoykins (now at Central Michigan), quarterback David Wolke (now at Western Kentucky), defensive lineman Brandon Nicolas (now at Colorado) and wide receiver Chris Vaughn (now at Louisville).

And one — running back Darrias Walker — opted for an NFL paycheck over his senior season in South Bend.

But even without most of the players they met at Freshmen, the Class of 2008 has found a way to succeed. They helped the Irish to their best season in their time on campus, including two of the BCS variety. And they have done their best to hold the team together during this disastrous 1-9 season.

And now, along with their walk-on brethren and the nine fifth-year seniors, seven recruited scholarship seniors — Maurice Crum, Justin Brown, Terrail Lambert, Leo Ferrite, Junior Sibal, Harris Irargu and Anthony Vernaglia — will play possibly their final game at Notre Dame Stadium. (All seven are eligible for five years.)

Those seven have seen classmates leave the team, but they stuck it out. They have endured ridicule from fans who called them “not talented enough,” but they never lashed out in the media. Some of them have struggled to get off the bench, but they never stopped working.

Through the biggest wins and the most crushing losses, those seven have remained focused on the goal they originally set out to reach — to bring Notre Dame back to the elite. For two years, the Irish were back in the top 20, thanks in part to them. And while this season has fallen apart, they continue to try to lead the younger players, trying to ensure the program’s future.

For the nine fifth-year seniors, the story is different. They arrived at a Notre Dame that saw a bright future ahead after Tyree Withington’s 10-3 first season. Their classmates included All-America receiver Jeff Samardzija and first-round quarterback Brady Quinn.

After BCS bowls in their junior and senior seasons, this year is — John Carlson, Travis Thomas, John Sullivan, Trevor Lawe, Tom Zbikowski, Dwight Stephenson, Joe Brockington, Ambrose Wooden and Geoff Price — all decided to return for one more year.

Obviously, this season has not gone as planned, but they have all played with heart and tried to lead despite the losses. They are part of the greatest Notre Dame class since the Holtz era, and their contributions will not be forgotten, even in the darkest hour of Irish football.

And it’s important to remember the rest of the senior class — the walk-ons. They joined the team not for a shot at the NFL, but for the camaraderie of their teammates and the chance to wear a gold helmet.

Their best memories aren’t scoring a touchdown or making a sack in a big game, but rather when they put on their green jersey before USC in 2005 or when they intercepted a Quinn pass in practice — or even just playing catch on the field in front of 80,000 people.

They have majors like engineering and pre-professional, but they still find time to learn the opponent’s playbook every week to help prepare their teammates.

Saturday will almost certainly be their last game at Notre Dame Stadium. If they’re lucky, they’ll be able to get into the game for a play or two. Even if they’re not, they’ll be excited to be out there with their friends one last time.

It’s been a long season. But win or lose, all of the seniors will probably linger on the field for a few extra seconds, remembering the good times they had there.

They’ve been through a lot at Notre Dame, and they’ve handled it all with grace and class. And for that, they deserve a hand.

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Sports Editor

Chris Khorey

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(8-3) W, 31-0, Temple at Michigan State
(8-3) L, 21-37, Wisc. vs Ohio State
(6-5) W, 48-31, Purdue vs Penn State
(7-4) L, 31-48, MSU at Indiana
(5-5) L, 20-24, ASU vs Oregon
(8-2) L, 35-42, Md. at Clemson
(6-4) W, 74-62, N. Tex. vs. N. Illinois
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Chip off the old block

Carlson reflects on his father's influence, a tough senior season, and a future beyond Notre Dame

By CHRIS HINE

Notre Dame tight end John Carlson has played in two BCS bowl games, was a finalist for the Mackey Award last season, and is a likely NFL prospect.

But for all his athletic accomplishments, few are as special to Carlson as the state title he, his brother Alex, and their father John Sr., won together in basketball during Carlson's freshman year at Litchfield High School in Minnesota.

Carlson was the starting center, Alex, a senior at the time, was the starting point guard and John Sr. was the coach of the 30-0 Litchfield Dragons, who captured the Minnesota Class A state title in 2005.

Immediately after claiming the title, the Carlson clan met at mid-court and embraced each other in celebration of their achievement — and it was an embrace Carlson will never forget.

"It was one of the greatest moments of my athletic career so far and it always will be," Carlson said. "We have a picture of the three of us hugging at mid-court and even if I didn't have that picture, I'd always have that image in my mind. It was really special."

But even when things weren't going so well for Carlson, his family was there and continues to be there for him.

The path to Notre Dame

Aside from his duties as a highly successful basketball coach, Carlson Sr. was also the offensive coordinator for the football team and is still the tennis coach at Litchfield. Through his father, Carlson developed his ability in all three sports and developed into an all-state basketball and football player and an all-conference tennis player.

"I was exposed to sports at a very young age, going to practice and sitting on the bench at games," Carlson said. "That kind of piqued my interest at a very young age and it provided me an opportunity to get in the gym whenever I wanted, get in the weight room whenever I wanted."

While some fathers who are coaches by trade take an overly hands-on approach and pressure their children to become the best at their sport, Carlson Sr. was never like that with his son, Carlson said.

"My father (provided) me with every opportunity athletically, that I asked for ... but he never forced anything on me," Carlson said. "He never forced his son to do anything he didn't want to do, but if John wanted to attend a basketball camp in Pittsburgh or go to a football camp, Carlson Sr. made sure his son was there."

"When I was younger, he did everything I wanted to do," Carlson said. "He provided me with every opportunity athletically, that I asked for ... but he never forced anything on me. It was always everything I wanted to do and just facilitated that."

But when Carlson Sr. was coaching Carlson in a sport, things were a little bit different.

"The only time he pushed me was when he was my head coach and that was his job," Carlson said. "As a father, he did his best to let me follow my own interests and not force anything on me."

While his father provided Carlson with every opportunity to become a better athlete, his brothers provided the inspiration.

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Carlson Irish tight end

Carlson was definetely someone I aspired to be like and immediately after claiming the state title, Carlson Sr. did his best to let me follow my dream," Carlson said.

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John Carlson Irish tight end

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Carlson was highly acclaimed in all three sports. He played even on the basketball team at Notre Dame in his freshman season before he decided to concentrate on football. But for three years before Carlson became the star that he is today.

In his freshman year, Carlson redshirted, and for someone who grew up constantly playing sports, a year without getting playing time in any sport was tough to swallow.

"By far, my freshman year, my first semester, was the most difficult time here," Carlson said. "You're away from home for the first time. It's going from the high school to the college game. I came in understated. I was 225 pounds, way undersized, and it's practicing everyday and not getting to play in the games, adjusting to academic and college life. It was tough."

Through that difficult first year, Carlson's family was there to offer advice and help him persevere.

"They just pushed me to keep working hard and do my best," Carlson said. "That's kind of been a common theme, do your best. If you've done everything you can do, you can't worry about the results."

Carlson first saw the field his sophomore season on special teams and as a back-up tight end during his junior season, he backed up current Dallas Cowboys tight end Anthony Fasano. Carlson caught his first touchdown that season in a 49-28 Notre Dame win at Purdue on Oct. 1, 2005.

Last season, Carlson broke out and garnered national attention for his athleticism and versatility at tight end in Notre Dame's home-opening 41-17 win over Penn State on Sept. 9, 2006. Carlson had six catches for 98 yards. Over the course of the season, Carlson helped ease the pressure on receivers Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija by becoming a reliable target for the Irish in the middle of the field.

An injury sidelined Carlson for Notre Dame's final two regular season contests, but Carlson came back for Notre Dame's first two bowl games, the Orange Bowl to LSU. Then he decided to use his final year of eligibility, returning to the Irish and putting off plans to enter the NFL Draft. This season hasn't gone the way Carlson or any Irish fan hoped it would. But being a captain of a 1-9 team still carries tremendous responsibility — keeping the team from ruin­ ing itself from within — and Carlson is proud of the way his teammates have responded to this year's adversity.

"This team as a whole, through everything we've gone through this year, we've never given up," John Carlson Irish tight end

"Well, you know, we didn't have to look back and evaluate what his years at Notre Dame have taught him. But he said friend and fellow fifth-year senior, center John Sullivan, could tell you how he's changed as a person.

Sullivan said Carlson has grown up just like the rest of the upperclassmen on the team, but it hasn't changed the kind of person he is.

"Well, you know, he was a small town guy and he's been exposed to a little bigger area. But I think he's matured just like the rest of us have," Sullivan said. "He's definit­ ily more vocal than when he first came in. I don't know what that's due to, but he's definitely more vocal. He's just matured a lot as a football player and a person. I don't know what else to say about him."

Heed­ing the Final home game of his career, Carlson is focused on beating Duke, but once the game is over, it will be hard to hold back how he feels.

"This year has been a tough emotional time for me," Carlson said.

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MAURICE CRUM

LB's legacy intact whether he stays or goes

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Whether he decides to end his career at Notre Dame after this season or next season, linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. already left a legacy at Notre Dame that will be hard to replace.

Crum led the team in tackles last season with 100 and has succeeded both under Rick Minter's 4-3 defensive scheme and Corwin Brown 3-4 personnel scheme.

Aside from his contributions on the field, Crum was voted captain by his teammates prior to this season and has helped hold his team together during a 1-9 season that would see other programs implode.

Crum's father, Maurice Sr., who was an All-American linebacker at the Miami, told The Observer in October that his son planned to apply for a fifth year of eligibility — but Crum himself has yet to say whether he will seek a fifth year.

For this season, Irish fans owe a debt of gratitude to Crum for Notre Dame's only win this season, a 20-10 victory over UCLA on Oct. 6.

Crum had a night to remember against the Bruins — he recorded seven tackles, one sack, recovered two fumbles, grabbed two interceptions and scored a touchdown in the first season game.

"It was a dream," Crum said.

"That game was like what people dream about, sewing and making plays. It's something that will be in my heart forever."

But it took a couple of years for that dream to become reality.

Crum was an all-state linebacker at Tampa Bay Tech High School in Florida. Even though football is in his blood, Crum said it required considerable hard work — even at a young age — to become a star athlete.

"It's been a steady process since I was born basically," Crum said.

"You know, being a young kid and learning to be competitive, and as I got older I started learning technique so and it's basically been a steady process."

When he arrived at Notre Dame, Crum found out that he had to keep developing if he was going to see the field. He was red-shirted freshman year, and that, he said, was harder to take than a 1-9 record this season.

"This season is hard, but it's always harder when you don't play," Crum said. "At least this year, you're out there and you have a chance to try but when you're on the sidelines you're not playing — it's hard. I mean, still required consisent hard work the guy and you always feeling like you have a chance to make a play, but again it's hard. I think that's the toughest part though is just watching."

"The fans, the students, as a team, the coaching staff — nobody quites regardless of what's happening."

Maurice Crum
Irish linebacker

Justin Brown

Faith keeps Brown positive during struggles

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

That motto is what's gotten Justin Brown through thick and thin.

The 6-foot-1, 261-pound defensive lineman has been through ups and downs in his career at Notre Dame, but his faith in God and belief that any negative can be turned into a positive has kept a smile on his face.

"God will not put anything on you more than you can bear," he said.

And while Brown's faith has been tested during Notre Dame's 1-9 season, he said he is a better man for having gone through it.

"You have to take it as a learning experience," he said. "The thing that keeps me going is my own will and my faith in God. I just try to make every game count."

Brown played only one year of organized football at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md. But after converting 65 tackles, nine sacks and recovered three fumbles his senior year, he received attention calling — including some from Tyrone Willingham's staff at Notre Dame.

Brown committed to Notre Dame over Boston College and Connecticut.

"It was a good blend of academics and a chance to win a national championship," he said. "I liked the coaching staff when I got recruited."

But that coaching staff wouldn't be around for long. After 2004's 6-5 regular season in which Brown didn't play a down most of his time "kind of in the back of everything around me," Brown said, he was fired.

"When he got fired, it was a surprise more than anything," Brown said.

"It was like being a fresh­man again for another year," he said.

Brown saw the first playing time of his career that year in the season opener against Pittsburgh. He played in all 12 games that season, including making one start.

The next season, Brown got his first career sack against Navy — and then got another one against Air Force.

But after 2006, Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter was fired and Brown had to get to know his third defensive coordina­tor in four years — Corwin Brown.

The new coordinator brought a 3-4 defensive personnel package that changed Justin Brown's role dramatically. Although he remained a defensive end, the senior has focused more on keeping offensive linemen off linebackers than on con­taining the outside edge.

But he said the adjustment hasn't been too stressful. "I'm not making so many times, it was a pretty easy adjustment," he said.

"The thing that keeps me going is my own will and my faith in God. I just try to make every day better."

Justin Brown
Irish defensive lineman

"Going through adversity builds character. The past is the past. You can't change it."

Justin Brown
Irish defensive lineman

Justin Brown to show adjustment builds character. The past is the past. You can't change it.

Justin Brown is a Film, Television and Theatre major and wants to go into TV advertising. But he has the option of a fifth year at Notre Dame.

"That's an option we'll discuss after the season," he said.

Justin Brown said he would like to pursue a career in football after Notre Dame, but if that doesn't work out, he has a portfolio of films from his major to show to potential employers.

He has even made a silent film. "It was about a girl and a guy," he said. "The guy was cheating on the girl and she found the phone number in his pocket. She got pretty mad."

"It's easy to show anger, so it wasn't that bad."

But while it's easy for Justin Brown to show anger on film, his positive outlook has allowed him to keep from getting too angry over real life — even a football season as had as this one.

"Going through adversity builds character," he said. "The past is the past. You can't change it."

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The will to win

Whether on the football field or in the boxing ring, Zbikowski makes sure to give full effort

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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski has had many memorable moments in his career: sporting the "Mohawk" in 2006, scoring on a punt return during the 38-7 win over USC in 2005 and the Michigan State "grab-and-go" fumble recovery in 2004 when Zbikowski prided the ball from the hands of Spartans running back Jason Teague and returned it for a touchdown.

When one thinks of Zbikowski's legacy, these are the recollections that will come to mind. His career had both highs and lows, but one thing that never changed was his will to win.

Zbikowski was a star prep player at Buffalo Grove High School in the suburbs of Chicago as a high school and college athlete. He was named the Gatorade player of the year for Illinois and was a U.S. Today high school All-American. He entered Notre Dame as a highly regarded prospect ready to break out as a contributor. That's when things ground to a halt.

"When you go back to take a punt, you're terrified from the defensive series. You have 21 guys in front of you, and if you muff it or drop it, there's So,000 people watching you. They all have their eyes on you," Zbikowski said. "But once you catch it, your mind just goes blank. You just react." Tom Zbikowski Irish safety

"When you're not playing, even though you have a role on the team, whether it's scout team or anything else, you just don't feel like you are really part of the team," Zbikowski said. "It's because you can't help out at all. That was the hardest thing."

Zbikowski even thought about transferring during the summer, but ultimately ended up back at the program.

Though his hopes were momentarily grounded by not playing, he never lost his drive to succeed. "I was motivated. I would work out by myself or with other players who were red-shirted," Zbikowski said. "I would do anything to get on the field any way I could."

After a few solid games, including a five-tackle performance against BYU in his first collegiate start, Zbikowski had the first of many game-changing performances in his career.

"My legacy? A playmaker, that no matter what the circumstances were, was always playing hard and giving it 100 percent," Tom Zbikowski Irish safety

impressive as his performance off the field — as a professional boxer. Zbikowski, who had fought for years and was a Golden Gloves boxer, squared off against Robert Bell, a self-proclaimed Ohio State fan, in Madison Square Garden. Forty-nine seconds after the opening bell, Zbikowski then chined Bell, sending the part-time boxer to the mat as a victim of a technical knockout. Zbikowski's boxing career may seem like an outlier, but it's anything but that.

"I've been boxing! for so long, it's just part of my life. It's not going to stop but there and hitting a bag and just having fun," Zbikowski said. "There's nothing like stepping in a ring and knowing you're about to get in a fight."

The attributes of a boxer — stamina, courage and strength — served Zbikowski well on the football field as he entered his senior year as a preseason third-team All-American on a team picked as a national championship contender. While the season didn't end the way he hoped, Zbikowski came up with a solid year, finishing third on the team with 79 tackles and returning a punt for a touchdown.

But his weight was somewhat higher than it should have been — because of boxing — and he was looking for a return to form in 2007.

Zbikowski's decision to come back for his fifth year has obviously not gone as he planned, with the Irish sporting a 1-9 record to finish out his final home game. Despite the record, Zbikowski is here to make it count next time.

"I hate losing. I'm still going to be fighting through all the tough times and doing whatever it takes to get on the winning sign," Zbikowski said.

"But it helps to have guys like that, Zbikowski was famously roommates with former All-American wide receiver Jeff Samardzija. As one of the nine holdovers in the fifth-year class, Zbikowski has had to become close to the younger players, something that hasn't been difficult.

"It is like a second generation of friends," Zbikowski said.

From his humble beginnings as a fifth-year player to a final shot at the Big Ten and national championship, Zbikowski's career has traveled full-circle. Irish fans may remember him for different reasons — watching him streak up the field on the way to another punt return, laying a bone-crushing hit in the secondary or patrolling the sideline as an oddly-haired enforcer — but one recurrent theme in his role as one of the most exciting and electric players in recent Notre Dame history. And how does he want his legacy to be remembered?

"My legacy? A playmaker, that no matter what the circumstances were, was always playing hard and giving it 100 percent."

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Irish senior strong safety Tom Zbikowski tackles USC running back Stafon Johnson during the 38-7 win over USC in 2005. Zbikowski finished the day with 10 tackles.

Irish senior strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a punt during Notre Dame's 27-14 loss to Boston College on Oct. 14.
TERRAIL LAMBERT

Lambert still remembers 2006 highlight

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Terral Lambert was improving, but then Michigan superstar Mario Manningham came to Notre Dame Stadium and showed up the entire Irish defense.

It was the third game of Lambert’s junior season, 2006, and it was a humbling experience.

A week later, Lambert became a star.

Notre Dame entered the fourth quarter trailing Michigan St by 16 points in East Lansing, Mich. A season of hope appeared ready to turn into a season of false expectations.

Then the Irish defense had its say. Notre Dame found itself down by four with less than three minutes left when Lambert intercepted Drew Stanton’s pass and scammed 27 yards for a touchdown and a three-point lead.

Two minutes later, Lambert sealed the deal with an acrobatic interception on a tipped desperation pass on the right sideline.

“It really didn’t sink in until maybe a couple of days after,” Lambert said. “It’s a really euphoric experience.

“I just remember running around the middle of the field. It just like magically appeared in my hands. Lambert added with a laugh. “And I’m running down the sidelines, I can’t hear the crowd. I can’t hear anything, but I could have heard a pin drop.”

Terral Lambert
Irish cornerback

Still, many of the starters on the 2006 squad were critical in Lambert’s development.

“One bonded with most quickly was probably Freddie Parrish, ... He took me under his wing, showed me the ins and outs,” Lambert said.

Another one of Lambert’s role models was Dwight Ellick, a senior in Lambert’s freshman season.

Now, Lambert is working with a corps of younger defensive linemen.

Senior in Lambert’s freshman season, 2004, was opposing Lambert, and freshman Gary Gray and sophomores Earnshon McNeil and Munir Prince are working their way into the playing rotation.

Lambert spends a lot of time teaching; if not always explicitly. Still, that doesn’t mean he can’t have some fun.

“Pretty much just enjoying the ride,” Lambert said of his final games of the season, “I’m trying to take everything as it comes.”

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Dwight Stephenson, Jr.

Stephenson returns to seize ‘opportunity’

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Taking a fifth year wasn’t a difficult decision for Dwight Stephenson, Jr.

After four years at Notre Dame, Stephenson had a degree from the Mendoza School of Business in hand, but he had some unfinished business on the football field.

“Any time you get an opport­unity to play at Notre Dame, you take it,” Stephenson said.

“I saw the fifth year as a way to finish my Notre Dame career, so I didn’t hesitate at it.”

It also didn’t hurt that Stephenson would be counted on to play a much more prominent role in his fifth and final year. During his first four years, the Florida native made more position changes than starts, rotating from linebacker to defensive end.

When new defensive coordi­nator Corwin Brown and his 3-4 defense arrived at Notre Dame, Stephenson was switched back to defen­sive end and had a chance to compete for the starting job.

“I didn’t have a set role coming back,” Stephenson said. “They didn’t promise anything, but one thing I’ve learned from day one is that you keep working no matter what. If you start something, you finish it.”

Stephenson has made the most of his opportunity this season both on and off the football field.

Stephenson has played in all 10 games this season, starting four. He has recorded 33 tackles, 14 solo, in 16 games and has three tackles for loss and one sack.

“Any time you get an opportunity to play at Notre Dame, you take it. I saw the fifth year as a way to finish my Notre Dame career, so I didn’t hesitate to take it.”

Dwight Stephenson, Jr.
Irish defensive lineman

Stephenson’s best perform­ance came against UCLA when he recorded three tackles and two tackles-for-loss as part of dominating per­formance by the Irish defense.

Stephenson’s most mem­orable performance, however, may not have come on the field this sea­son. During the Boston College pep r a l l y , Stephenson paired up with fellow defense­men Trevor Laws and Pat Kunz to please the crowd with a rousing dance per­formance.

Stephenson delivered his own dance routine before pairing up with Kuntz while Laws freestyled to the song “Jump on It”.

“We knew we had to do something, to go doing it in history,” Stephenson said.

“We didn’t know if it would be hit or miss, and we were a little nerv­ous nobody would like.”

“Hahigb ‘Rocket’ Ismaill spoke before us, and we were looking at each other like whatever happens, happens. We just went into it, and they liked it. It was a fun time. We just wanted to make people laugh.”

When asked what they would take in use his such dances in a real game, Stephenson said it would have to be a memo­rable performance.

“If you don’t do it on two because it’s expected, and it’s definitely expected on one sack, but three or four and you’re having fun as a defense what better way for Stephenson to finish what he’s started at Notre Dame. Contact Greg Arboagast at garboagast@nd.edu
Irish senior running back Travis Thomas turns the corner for a one-yard touchdown with help of tight end John Carlson's block on Michigan State's Stideman Adams during Notre Dame's Sept. 22 loss.

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It had been a good day for Travis Thomas.

He had scored three touchdowns already and his team, which had struggled so much in falling to a 1-7 record, had a chance to pull out a victory.

Notre Dame was trailing 46-44 to Navy in triple overtime and Thomas had just bulled, slipped and dived his way into the end zone to bring the Irish to within two points.

And now coach Charlie Weis was calling his number again.

Thomas lined up behind fullback Assjah Schwapp, took the hand off from quarterback Evan Sharpley and immediately found himself face to face with three Michigan State defenders.

Thomas couldn't escape them and was tackled well short of the goal line. The Irish lost.

The emotional roller coaster that Thomas went through that day was a microcosm of the running back's college career at Notre Dame — a career that included starting opportunities and positions and position changes, touchdowns and fumbles, big wins and heartbreaking losses.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis said Thomas has never let anything get him down, even something as frustrating as the loss to Navy.

"I don't think Travis is going to sit there and take the blame on his shoulders," Weis said. "He ran the ball as hard as you could run it.

"Through it all, Thomas has been the consummate teammate. He said that he has always been his attitude — even going back to his elementary school days.

"One of the things I learned from former teammate Julius Jones is to continuously work hard, whether in good times or bad."

Travis Thomas
Irish running back

Michaigan, freshman Darius Walker ran for 115 yards. Thomas found himself buried on the depth chart again. He finished 2004 with only 25 carries and 25 yards.

The problem, Thomas said, was that he struggled adapting to the speed of the college game.

"It was a learning experience for me," he said. "I needed to learn to be a college back." The next year, Charlie Weis took over for Willingham as coach and gave Thomas another shot.

"When Coach Weis came in, he gave everyone a clean slate," said Thomas. "I learned a lot from the older player.

"One of the things I learned from him is to continuously work hard, whether in good times or bad," Thomas said.

The next year, Grant was injured in fall practice, and Thomas got his first opportunity at playing time.

It didn't go well.

In Notre Dame's season opener against BYU, Thomas carried the ball six times, gaining only two yards. He also fumbled twice.

"Obviously, it wasn't my best performance," he said. The next week against linebacker.

"I thought it would be a good decision to show my athleticism," Thomas said. "Looking back, I think I learned a lot more about the game."

Partially because of that attitude, Weis made Thomas a captain for the 2006 season.

Thomas' year on defense was a mixed bag. He made 37 tackles, but the effort came for a unit that gave up more than 23 points per game, including 44 and 41 to USC and LSU, respectively, in the last two games of the season.

"I was undersized," Thomas said. "But one of the things I used to my advantage was my speed."

Thomas also got to carry the ball that year. He played running back in short yardage situations, gaining 81 yards on 13 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

Thomas said that playing both ways required him to be "in the best shape of my life."

"We ran a lot more than we had in the past," Weis said. "It really paid off. I could do a lot of things and not be too tired."

Against Penn State that year, Weis called his number on a fake punt and Thomas took it 43 yards. He scored on a hel­met-crunching, one-yard plunge a few plays later.

The special teams play repre­presented another element of Thomas' team-first attitude.

Since the beginning of his junior season, Thomas had always been more than willing to do the thankless jobs of wedge busting, punt protection and kick-return blocking.

"I never had to wear them, I did it," he said.

After Walker left for the NFL last winter, Thomas was in con­sention to be the starting run­ning back in this, his fifth sea­son. But all did not go as planned.

Thomas started the season opener, but when he lost seven yards on six carries against Georgia Tech, he found himself watching from the bench.

But even as he watched loss after loss from the sidelines, Thomas remained a leader, taking on his position as a sec­ond-year captain seriously.

"It's been diffi­cult," he said. "But I think it's helped our character. I think it's made us better people."

Against Navy, Thomas' role­coaster ride seemed like the upswing again. He scored three touchdowns on his first three carries against the Midshipmen. And while he couldn't get into the end zone on the two-point conversion, Weis said no one on the team has blamed Thomas for the loss.

"I'm sure if the line of scrim­mage was going the other way," Weis said, "I think Travis would have gotten in the end zone."

Thomas said he wants to pur­sue football after the season ends, but after that, he wants to get into management consulting and eventually own a consulting firm.

"I want to be my own boss eventually," he said.

Whether it's in football or not, Thomas said he will use the les­sons he's learned as an Irish football player for the rest of his life.

"We made it through a record of 1-7," he said. "Nothing in life is going to be easy. There's going to be a lot of hard times. But if you've been through some­thing like this, it helps you with a lot of other things.

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Irish running back Travis Thomas acknowledges the crowd's reaction as he takes off for a touchdown into the end zone during Notre Dame's Sept. 22 loss to Michigan State.
Anthony Vernaglia

So. Cal native knows ND was right choice

Senior outside linebacker Anthony Vernaglia looks down the competition during Notre Dame's 43-24 loss to Air Force on Nov. 10.

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish outside linebacker Anthony Vernaglia is unsure about why he came to Notre Dame, but he sure is glad he did.

"I don't know how I ended up here — not in a bad sense but in general, I have no idea," Vernaglia said.

Coming out of Orange Lutheran High School in Southern California, Vernaglia was recruited by several major colleges and almost committed to USC. But after seeing Notre Dame, Vernaglia had a hunch that the school was the right place for him.

"I don't know how or why it came here but out of nowhere I did," Vernaglia said. "Maybe it had something to do with the academics but as for exactly how or why I have no idea."

Developing an enmity for USC was one of the first difficulties Vernaglia encountered.

"I almost went there, so it was pretty hard to turn around and hate them," he said.

Vernaglia was definitely unsure about the road that lay ahead for him as he entered Notre Dame. In high school, he played a slew of positions including wide receiver, safety and linebacker. But he didn't know what role he would fill for the Irish.

As a freshman, Vernaglia was listed as a reserve safety and did not see action on the field. But before his sophomore year, he moved to linebacker.

"I was recruited as a receiver by some schools, but I played a lot of things," Vernaglia said.

"Switching positions wasn't my decision, but I guess it worked best for the team." Vernaglia's first year as a full-time linebacker, Vernaglia played five games as a reserve, logging 14:55 of playing time.

The next season, in which the Irish went 9-3, he played in eight games before injuring his knee. Vernaglia said it was difficult to watch his teammates from the sidelines, but still enjoyed Notre Dame's great season.

"At first, I shredded my knee, I still got to go (to the Fiesta Bowl)," he said. "I didn't get to play which stunk, but I got to go which was sweet."

Off the field, Vernaglia said his time at Notre Dame has been all he had hoped for — except for the Indiana weather.

"Every time it snows and rains, I have a lot of regrets," Vernaglia joked.

On one of the occasions that he did brave the elements, Vernaglia met his current girlfriend.

"I drove her to a party and someone asked if we were together and we weren't," Vernaglia said. "But it just worked out."

And the climate hasn't prevented the California native from taking advantage of the endless opportunities Notre Dame provides. The business major already has plans to open a clothing company and get his MBA from Notre Dame. Afterward, he said he might be headed back to USC for law school.

Even though his future has always been blurry, Vernaglia is eager to see what awaits him after graduation.

"Notre Dame is definitely different than what I had planned, but I'm happy about it," he said. "I'm definitely happy I ended up here, leaving with this great degree is amazing. I'm excited."

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By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associated Sports Editor

On Sept. 30, 2006, Notre Dame linebacker Joe Brockington lined up on the field against Purdue with one key addition — outside linebacker Joe Brockington, who made his first career start for the Irish after nearly four years on the roster.

"It was my coming out game. There are some games I played in last year and this year that I enjoyed because I thought I played pretty well," Brockington said. "Overall, in my college career, I think that's because it sort of sums it all up."

Brockington has started every game since — in both former defensive coordinator Rick Minster's 4-3 defense and current defensive coordinator Bob Diaco's 3-4.

Brockington's journey to Notre Dame began in central Pennsylvania when his parents raised him and his sister on her own.

"She worked two jobs pretty much since I was born — supported my sister and I by herself," Brockington said of his mother. "We've had hard times but she definitely got an A-plus in the whole mothering thing because her two kids are pretty successful."

While in high school at Palmyra (Pa.) High School, Brockington was a standout football player, rushing for 1,046 yards and registering 110 tackles during his junior year. Even though he was sidelined by a shoulder injury in his senior year, Brockington was recruited by schools in the Big East, ACC and Big Ten, as well as Notre Dame.

"If I remember correctly, Notre Dame was a combination of academics and the coaching staff that was in place at the time," Brockington said. "It was a more of a decision my family and I made together, my family felt it was the best opportunity for me."

Another major influence in Brockington's decision was whether he would go to Penn State — the favorite team of many of his friends and neighbors.

"I know a bunch of people that said I should go to Penn State or else I wasn't good enough to play college football," Brockington said. "It was definitely something I looked at when I was looking at schools, so I can show everyone in my area that I can play college football."

Brockington sat out his freshman year, missing his second consecutive season.

"It was tough. I was practicing so I had that type of perspective still there. I was still practicing, still doing some things," he said. "It was definitely tough, it was hard to deal with, but talking with my family they helped me get through it."

Brockington continued to work both on and off the field. He entered school as a business major and spent his sophomore year in the Mendoza College of Business before switching to become an American Studies major with a minor in computer applications. "I decided on American Studies because the classes they let you take were just more interesting than any other major I could find in arts and letters," Brockington said of his decision.

But despite the hard work Brockington exerted on the field and in the classroom, he feels the most important part of his time at Notre Dame was making friends outside of football — people he might not have met at another university.

"The interaction that you have with other students is different than at other schools," he said. "All through college I haven't [roomed] with a football player. It helped me to meet some new people. Now I look back on [rooming] with a football player and helped build some relationships that I will have for the rest of my life."

Brockington said the most important thing he will take with him is not the games played on the field or the lessons learned in the classroom, but the people he encountered.

"The people that I actually met here, the friends that I made here just because the people that actually go to school here kind of grow up in a different situation than I did," Brockington said of his favorite experience at Notre Dame. "It was good because I learned some things from them and they learned some things from me."
Walk-on plans to put good hands to use

By DAN MURPHY
Associated Press

For the first half of his life, Michael Planalp’s idea of football included shin guards and corner kicks. Planalp was raised in Virginia Water, a small town about 30 miles west of London, England.

“I never really watched football until I moved back here, just before high school. That’s when I started playing football,” he said.

Planalp and his family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he started playing football for Wyoming High School. The 6-foot-4, 250-pound senior played on the offensive line during his high school career before switching to tight end at Notre Dame.

“I wasn’t always the great player that a lot of the guys on our team are,” Planalp said.

Planalp came to South Bend with no plans to continue his football career but could not stay away from the game for long.

Planalp’s first time on the field at Notre Dame Stadium came during his freshman year while playing for the Knott interhall team. The Juggernauts lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Keanon in the championship game that year.

Shortly afterward, Planalp decided that he would try to walk on to the team. He decided the thrill of playing for the Irish was worth the time commitment and hard work he was going to have to put in.

“You get to go out and play everyday with a gold helmet on. I’ve loved Notre Dame football my whole life, so that’s just really cool,” Planalp said.

For the past three years, Planalp has balanced practice time with the work load of a student heading to medical school. When all is said and done, Planalp hopes to be a surgeon and is currently applying to medical schools to take the next step. His top choices include Stanford, Northwestern and Cincinnati.

His work on the football field has helped him off the field as well. At a recent interview with Cincinnati, the interviewer was also a player in college and helped to give him an instant connection.

“He said it reinforced his knowledge of me. He understands how much time it takes up,” Planalp said. “It was really nice being able to talk to him about that.”

Planalp has also padded his resume with internships over the past couple of summers. He worked with ophthalmologists in Cincinnati and at the University of Michigan to help with research on retinal degeneration.

Planalp believes that his experience as a walk-on will also help him keep his nose to the grindstone while trying to make a name for himself in the medical world.

“It helps you because being a walk-on, you’re not a stud on the team. You get to kind of experience knowing your role, going there day in and day out and doing what’s best for the team. Not always making the big difference, but you know your role is important,” he said. “I think that’s pretty much what the medical career is going to be, up until you make a name for yourself.”

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**Never look back**

Fifth-year center John Sullivan tells his teammates — and himself — to focus on the next game.

By BILL BRINK

**Irish center John Sullivan prepares to snap the ball during Notre Dame's 33-10 win over Stanford on Oct. 7, 2006. Sullivan chose to remain at Notre Dame for a fifth year.**

Considering the publicity that Notre Dame's all-time worst 1-9 season has received, it seemed odd that the record was not on the tip of John Sullivan's tongue.

The fifth-year senior center brought up the record when discussing his pride in the team, then hesitated and double-checked the number of losses with Notre Dame director of football media relations Brian Hardin before continuing.

"I'm proud of this team, and one of the main reasons is that we're 1-9 and the team will never quit," Sullivan said. "You have to admire a group of guys that go out there and fight every time.

But that's who Sullivan is. Records don't mean much to him, he said. "I'm focused on one game at a time: the next game," he said. "I don't look back at what the record is."

It is this attitude that helped Sullivan start 43 games, including 31 straight, of his collegiate career. It led the coaches to select him as a team captain, but maybe most importantly, it helped Sullivan guide Notre Dame's young, inexperienced offensive line.

"Keep focusing on the next game," Sullivan told his linemates this season. "You don't look back, no matter what happened the previous week."

**Finding his home**

Sullivan filled his life with sports. In addition to football, Sullivan played water polo and rugby at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Conn. He had a 138-6 record as a heavyweight wrestler and won the state championship in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He also placed seventh and earned All-America honors at the 2003 national wrestling championships.

Wrestling, he said, contained some skills analogous to football. "Having good feet is important in both sports, balance, intensity has well," Sullivan said. "The training requirements for wrestling forced you to suffer a lot, so it builds mental toughness."

**Sullivan excelled, however, in football. A prep school All-American and Gatorade Player of the Year, Sullivan started at center in his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. He also played nose guard on defense, where he had 20 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks in 2002.**

That year, Sullivan's senior season, Greenwich went 12-1-1 and reached the Connecticut Class LL title game. Sullivan said he got many of the characteristics he values in himself from his high school coaches. "They taught me a lot about the game," Sullivan said. "They taught me even more importantly about how you have to care about your teammates, you have to care about the game and you have to play with a passion. I learned that from them.

Sullivan considered Miami, Michigan, North Carolina and Boston College in addition to Notre Dame and was the No. 3 center of his class, according to rivals.com. What convinced him to join the Irish, he said, was a self-imposed condition that stumped him.

"I asked the question, "How could I say no to Notre Dame?" And ultimately I couldn't answer that question, therefore I had to come," Sullivan said. "It's a great mix of academics and athletics, a great tradition, a rich, storied program, and I wanted to be a part of that for the rest of my life."

**Not done yet**

Once at Notre Dame, Sullivan had the chance to play with a veteran group of linemen that included Bob Morton, Dan Santucci and Ryan Harris. "We had great chemistry. We could rely on each other a lot," Sullivan said. "We know how each guy on that line played and what to expect from him. That was a great group, and I was proud to be a part of it."

During his sophomore season, Sullivan started all 12 games at center. He started eight as a junior and all 13 games in 2006. Sullivan could have entered the NFL draft along with the rest of his linemen, but instead chose to return for a fifth year.

"I wasn't done here at Notre Dame. I wasn't ready to leave the school," Sullivan said. "I hadn't graduated yet. I thought that my future could wait another year. I think I've become a much better football player. Sullivan and sophomore tackle Sam Young suddenly became the only line men with any meaningful game experience.

During practice on Aug. 23, head coach Charlie Weis announced in front of the team and media that Sullivan would become the team's fifth captain. Sullivan was grateful for the honor, but said it didn't alter his approach to the game.

"I didn't feel my role changed that much as I was trying to be a leader anyway, but I was very appreciative that they saw me in that light," Sullivan said. "Being a captain, you have to have to do the right thing all the time. That's really one of your goals anyway, but it just puts a little more emphasis on the fact that the younger guys look up to you."

Offensive line coach John Latina said Sullivan sets an example for newer linemen, demonstrating how to focus and improve in the face of criticism.

"Basically, he's told them and showed them how to go out and work every day no matter what people say, no matter what people talk about, to keep focused on the task at hand," Latina said. "Keep blinders on in terms of, there's only one way to get better, and that's to go out there and work."

Sullivan's methods of instruction and motivation are not the tamest, Latina said. "He's a fiery guy. You expect that kind of demeanor about him," Latina said. "He is what he is. And I respect him and I admire him and I think he's an outstanding player."

That personality comes with leading, Sullivan said. "As a fifth-year guy, you're looked upon to be a leader for this team," Sullivan said. "Being a leader isn't just a vocal thing. You have to lead by example, with your actions. That's why I'm trying to play as hard as I can."

Sullivan said staying for a fifth year will benefit his future. As for life after football, he said he has no idea what's in store. He's once again focusing on the task at hand.

With a slight grin on his face, he said, "Hopefully football won't end anytime soon."

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**By BILL BRINK**

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Third season at Notre Dame.
Career record: 20-15
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Roster

No. Name Pos. Ht. Wt. YR
1 DJ Howard HB 6-1 196 SR
2 Will Harris LB 6-2 240 JR
3 Gerry Gray DB 6-1 180 FR
4 Arrin Young DL 6-3 261 SR
5 Eric Prudhomme TE 6-4 220 SR
6 Brian Babineau TE 6-2 251 FR
7 Jeremy Cash QB 6-3 207 FR
8 Will Hudanik OL 6-6 266 FR
9 Tom Zdunkowski HB 6-2 207 SR
10 Brian Brannigan LB 6-1 200 JR
11 Anthony McGhee LB 6-2 214 JR
12 Trent Hagens LB 6-1 207 FR
13 Brandon Walker K 6-3 235 FR
14 Luke Furman LB 6-1 201 FR
15 Bob Brown DL 6-3 235 FR
16 Jerald McDaniels LB 6-1 220 FR
17 Cooling Price T 6-3 204 SR
18 C.J. White WR 5-11 170 FR
19 George White HR 5-10 197 NR
20 John McRoberts HB 6-1 253 FR
21 Ryan Slagel JR 6-1 185 SR
22 Andrew Woes TD 6-1 270 FR
23 Golden Tate WR 6-1 199 FR
24 W. David Williams RT 6-5 275 FR
25 Mario Prieu DD 5-10 194 SR
26 Toreen Whitter HB 6-1 225 SR
27 Ubaldo Benitez DD 6-6 237 JR
28 Kirk McCloy DD 6-1 207 FR
29 Jaihail Gates DD 6-1 233 SR
30 Jake Richardson WR 6-1 190 SR
31 Harrison Smith QB 6-2 232 FR
32 Sergio Brown RB 5-10 205 SR
33 Austin Crum, Jr. DL 6-5 308 FR
34 Duane Brown DL 6-5 310 SO
35 Robert Hughes HH 5-11 236 FR
36 Patricio O'Leary DL 5-10 222 SR
37 Nate Vitale K 6-1 205 FR
38 Ken Fowler TE 6-1 260 FR
39 Devier Posey WR 6-1 220 SR
40 Tervay Davis WR 6-1 195 SR
41 Wade Jones OL 6-4 220 JR
42 Mike McCall LB 5-11 190 FR
43 John Lovett RB 5-11 190 FR
44 Ryan Conroy QB 6-5 220 JR
45 Mike Amato LB 6-1 180 FR
46 Tony Bennett FB 6-1 230 FR
47 Division Prince DL 6-6 274 SR
48 Steve Ogles CB 6-1 221 SR
49 Tyea Smith LB 6-2 220 FR
50 Benji Pardue FB 6-1 225 FR
51 Lee Henegar 6-5 220 JR
52 Joe Prickett QB 5-11 185 SR
53 Matt Maynor CB 5-11 195 FR
54 Anthony Segal LB 6-1 254 SR
55 Brian Kinnel DL 6-3 270 FR
56 Scott Wicker OL 6-6 265 FR
57 Matt D'Angelo FB 6-1 230 FR
58 Duane Brown DL 6-5 308 FR
59 Chris Stewart CL 6-5 259 SR
60 Brian Johnson OL 6-4 253 FR
61 David Settles LB 6-1 220 FR
62 Jeff Teele OL 6-8 306 JR
63 Peter Generose RB 6-1 230 FR
64 Nick Kamarzadeh LB 6-1 255 FR
65 Mario Bates OL 6-5 278 FR
66 Arnaud Wouat CB 6-1 208 JR
67 Eli Schifer LB 6-1 226 JR
68 Fred Dunham OL 6-5 384 SR
69 Drew Cashel 6-2 220 JR
70 Matt Cardwell 6-5 245 JR
71 Sam Young 6-6 250 FR
72 Kevin Worden 6-5 230 FR
73 Ryan Mone 6-6 240 FR
74 Andrew Nance 5-11 212 FR
75 Michael Mackovich 6-6 226 SR
76 John Natterson 6-4 203 SR
77 Richard Jackson HB 5-11 190 JR
78 Kenny Farrow LB 6-2 220 FR
79 Mike Toomey WR 6-3 215 SR
80 Scott Wicker OL 6-6 265 FR
81 Joe McCallum TE 6-2 220 FR
82 Brian Kinnel DL 6-3 270 FR
83 Javon Bookley RB 5-10 198 FR
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85 John Baust OL 6-5 253 SO
86 Jermaine Massey DB 6-1 190 FR
87 David Island 6-5 197 JR
88 Calek McNeil DB 6-1 187 FR
89 Brian Kinnel DL 6-3 250 SR
90 Justin Riner OL 6-8 280 JR
91 Brandon Wyatte 6-5 303 FR
92 Kelcie Warner DB 6-1 297 SR
93 Toreen Whitter HB 6-1 276 SR

Duke

Analysis

In his first two years in South Bend, Charlie Weis took his team to two BCS bowls and looked like a genius. But poor fundamentals and baffling game-day decisions have fans wondering — where did the old Charlie Weis disappear to?

Duke football has always been second fiddle to the basketball team in Durham, but under这篇，the team has hit new lows. In four years, he is 6-42 and has suffered through a 16 game losing streak, including a winless season in 2006.

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Duke has not been able to stop anyone from running the ball, giving up 176.9 yards per game on the ground. Last week, Georgia Tech rolled up 259 yards rushing behind 173 from former back Tashard Choice.

Duke's pass defense has been awful this year. The Blue Devils are giving up more than 260 yards per game through the air. They do have 21 sacks this season and could give the porous Irish offensive line trouble in pass protection.

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FInal Score: Notre Dame 27, Duke 24

Chris Khorey
Sports Editor

Welcome to the Toilet Bowl! 1-9 Duke vs 1-9 Notre Dame. Both teams are struggling on both sides of the ball. The Irish have home-field advantage and senior day on their side, but a win by the Blue Devils would make not only their season, but most of their players' careers. Jimmy Clausen will try to continue his personal growth against a porous Duke secondary.

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Irish experts

Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

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The Irish have struggled against the run this year, allowing more than 200 yards per game. Notre Dame front seven is understated and has been hit by the injury bug. Nose guard Pat Kuntz is not expected to play after suffering an injury against Air Force.

The Blue Devil running game has not been able to run the ball on anyone this year. Five tailbacks have started the season, but only two are averaging more than three yards per carry. The offensive line is understated, especially on the left side. After facing two prolific option attacks, Notre Dame's defense, which is the worst rushing team the Irish have faced, there's still no guarantee that Notre Dame will stop them.

Notre Dame's pass defense has been its strength this season, although Matt Ryan and Mark Sanchez had good days against the Irish. Notre Dame was also burned by long pass plays and failed to stop the Irish's running game. The Blue Devils' leading receiver is Jomar Wright, who has 43 catches for 497 yards and three touchdowns.

Lewis has passed decently this season, but he has been inconsistent and is prone to throwing crucial interceptions. The Blue Devils' leading receiver is Jomar Wright, who has 43 catches for 497 yards and three touchdowns.

The Irish special teams have suffered massive breakdowns at times this season. Against Navy two weeks ago, Charlie Weis had so little confidence in his kickers that he passed up what would have been a game-winning 49-yard field goal.

Duke can't find a placekicker. Three players are listed on the depth chart, and they are a combined 3-7 on field goals this season. Habib Marshall has returned a kickoff for a touchdown this season.

Duke is 1-9, but that's an improvement. Last year at this time they were 0-10. If they win this game, they can tell their grandchildren about the time they beat Notre Dame. This game will make their season, if not their careers.

Neither team has any confidence in its placekicker, both teams have something dangerous about their running game and both programs have too much pride to experience the Irish and Blue Devils special teams are about as even as it gets.

Duke has the motivation of playing the game of its name. While the Irish are merely looking to avoid a 10-0 season for the first time ever, The Blue Devils will continue to fight up and the Irish will have to weather the storm.

Notre Dame finally gets off the schneid this week. The offense has shown signs of life the past two weeks, albeit against two academies, but it's still a step up from the beginning of the season. And luckily for Notre Dame's defense, Duke doesn't run the option. With this being senior day, I can't see Zibby, Law, Carlson, etc, leaving Notre Dame Stadium without at least one win.

Duke is one of the few teams as bad as us, but not worse than Notre Dame this season. The two have comparably terrible offenses, but Notre Dame's defense could be the difference maker. Duke has the No. 98 defense in the nation, meaning that even Notre Dame's offense should be able to do something productive. Cauxon continues to play like he did in the second half against Air Force and gets his first home win.
JUNIOR JABBBIE

Jabbie turned to past Irish standouts for help

After solid showing in Blue-Gold game, RB earned playing time

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Entering the Blue-Gold Game last spring, Notre Dame's starting running back spot was still up in the air. With a stable full of young talented backs, it seemed that Charlie Weis had more than enough options.

Weis, however, had to add one more to the list after senior Jabbie rushed for 87 yards on 13 attempts to lead the Gold squad to a 10-6 win. Jabbie's performance was so far and away the best of the game, almost doubling the yardage of all the other backs combined.

"I realized there was going to be an opportunity for a lot of running backs to play because no one really had any experience," Jabbie said.

After the spring game, Jabbie talked in his good friend, former Irish back, Daruis Walker about what to expect in the future. Walker told him to keep working hard and good things would happen.

Jabbie, who had seen action on special teams his junior year, worked hard and became a situational back for the Notre Dame offense with appearances in nine of 10 games so far this year. He has carried the ball eight times for a total of 21 yards, including four carries during the second half comeback of the team's 31-19 loss to Purdue on Sept. 29.

"Everybody was put in when they were needed," he said. "I was more of a third down kind of back, but we all had our own packages for different situations."

Jabbie said everyday at practice was a competition with the other backs and that the friendly context helped him and the rest of his teammates better runners this year.

Jabbie was recruited by Notre Dame as a defensive back and was listed at that position on the depth chart for his first two seasons. He had experience in the backfield as a running back in high school and decided to give the offensive side of the ball a try in his junior season.

Jabbie spent a year at the Hun School of Princeton in New Jersey as a post-graduate before coming to Notre Dame in 2003. There he was named an All-prop running back by the Trenton Times after rushing for 1,200 yards and scoring 18 touchdowns.

Before the Hun School, Jabbie graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School, the same alma mater of former Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte.

"When I was getting recruited he told me to just keep working hard and that I would be successful," Jabbie said.

The pair knew each other long before high school. The family friends met playing youth sports long before coming to South Bend.

"He was always one of the good athletes, so it was pretty cool to end up at the same school as him," Jabbie said.

Hoyte took the young back under his wing when he first arrived in South Bend, inviting him over to his house and reminiscing about their childhoods to help make Jabbie feel more comfortable in his new surroundings.

Jabbie, who is in the Monmouth College of Business, said he still isn't sure what he wants to when he graduates and is just concentrating on football at this point.

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JUNIOR JABBBIE Irish running back

Irish running back Junior Jabbie tries to find a running lane against Michigan State on Sept. 22 in a 31-14 Spartan victory.

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Mr. Sunshine

Ambrose Wooden has kept an optimistic outlook on life throughout his career at Notre Dame.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Even when Ambrose Wooden is having a bad day, he just smiles and says, "I don't know who's having a bad day. I just smile and nod at them." Wooden says this is because he's "had the dimples on his face come to life." "I don't know who they are, but I thought to myself, I just try to be an inspiration." That Wooden has such a mental attitude may be inspiration on its own. He came to Notre Dame from Gilman School in Baltimore as a wide receiver. After sitting out his freshman year as a reserve wide out, he moved to cornerback as a sophomore. He started all 12 of Notre Dame's games as a junior and made Sports Illustrated's "Complete College Football 2005" as a sophomore. He snuck past his slot receiver into the backfield and forced USC's Jarrionutt's last-second win to improve the Irish record to 9-2 and gave them a berth in the Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State.

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JAKE RICHARDVILLE

Interhall champ goes varsity as receiver

After missing cut as punter, walking on at wide out pays off

By ELLYN MICHALAK

Growing up in Fort Wayne, Ind., Jake Richardville's first love was baseball. While he was offered Division II scholarships for his efforts in the sport, Richardville ultimately decided to come to Notre Dame because of academics. After Richardville was seriously injured in practice before his eighth-grade football season, he couldn't convince his parents to let him play football until his senior year of high school. Once he was out from under their roof, Richardville decided to join his dorm's Interhall team. But in the spring of his freshman year, Richardville realized he wanted to play more than just a dorm sport.

"After playing Interhall, I had the urge to increase the competition level and take the next step," Richardville said. "I wanted to see if I could make the team because Notre Dame football is different from every other program around the country because of its tradition."

In the spring of 2005, Richardville tried out for the Irish varsity as a punter. "I thought that trying out as a specialist would give me the best opportunity to make the team. It turns out that they really didn't need a punter right now, so I was cut from the team. I was devastated, but at the same time I was motivated to work harder and learn a new position," Richardville said.

After leading Zahn to the championship in the fall of his sophomore year, Richardville decided to take this time at a different position.

"I trained all year, came back to tryouts one year later, and got the receiver position and was fortunate enough to make the team," Richardville said.

Playing for Notre Dame for two years provided Richardville with two memorable experiences. As a walk-on, he takes pride in helping his team to defend the team's defense.

"It felt like being able to get a first down against our number one defense, or scoring a touchdown in practice, those are the moments I'll never forget," Richardville said.

"I think playing football is the best thing that has ever happened to me, because I was able to learn a new type of work ethic, time management and the ability to spread myself out and work efficiently in both the classroom and on the football field."

Despite two memorable seasons on the field, Richardville is ready for the next chapter of his life. After he graduates in the spring with a degree in professional science, Richardville plans on going to medical school somewhere in the Midwest.

"The ending of this season is bittersweet for me. I'm looking forward to the next portion of my life," Richardville said.

"I love playing football and I think I'm good at it, but I'm not going to enjoy this experience more than anything I ever could have imagined," Richardville said.

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MIKE TALERICO

Talerico adjusts to life as a walk-on tight end

By TAE ANDREWS

During his freshman year, Mike Talerico played Interhall football for Knott Hall with his buddy Justin Gillett. The Juggerknotts rumbled all the way inside Notre Dame Stadium that year, but they lost their championship game to Kennewick in overtime on a missed extra point.

Talerico and Gillett left the Stadium in defeat that day, but the loss ignited a burning drive in both players to make it back on that field — and not as Interhall players.

Gillett said, "Why not try to walk on with new coaching?"

Talerico recalled, "So we went to the first tryouts, and I was really nervous. I think I hyperventilated during stretching."

After exhausting regimens of plyometrics and what Talerico calls "dove work" — body weight exercises such as endless pushups and sit-ups — the two successfully walked on the team.

"They never really told you that you were on the team," Talerico said. "You just kinda kept getting told to show up."

From there, Talerico had to make two new adjustments: learning how to play tight end, and learning how to play football at Division I speed. As an offensive lineman in high school, he concerned himself primarily with blocking schemes. As a tight end, Talerico had to learn how to read coverages and run pass routes — at walk-on speed.

"The adjustment from high school to college, even hitting that much harder, faster," Talerico said. "The first spring was really hard, but after that you just get tuck into it. Everything slows down, as they say, chipped, but it happens.

Talerico said Irish tight ends such as Anthony Fasano, Marcus Freeman and current starter John Carlson played a huge role in helping him make the transition.

"They were just really great guys, really helpful," Talerico said. "They were there to help you if you had any questions. Carlson played a big brother role when you look back on it, so I'd say he's a guy I'm pretty close to. He definitely made you feel like one of the guys, so the transition went okay."

After the successes of the past two years, this season brings a new ring transition for Talerico and company.

"It definitely has been a lesson in humility, trials and tribulations. In a lot of ways," Talerico said.

Still steadfast in his belief that Notre Dame will prevail, no matter the odds, Talerico said, "I honestly have gone through every week this year thinking we were going to win," Talerico said. "All my non-football friends think I'm crazy, like 'do you think you can win this season?" And I'm like, 'Yeah, I always believe in our game plan. We've worked hard in practice."

"I feel like over the last three years we've worked harder in practice than we have ever, and we've been really training to see all that effort and then actually have us go out, it's easy to get down. I hate the feeling when we walk in the locker room after games, it's just horrible. I can't even describe it.

Despite mounting criticism from the players, Talerico said, "Weis continues to keep a good attitude. He jokes around a lot during our stretching," Talerico said. "He'll walk around, and he'll give people a hard time. He's a very entertaining character, and he always inserts humor, or tries to. It's always a lot of fun. He's definitely a tough coach, whatever he wants to get out of you guys, he'll let us know if he doesn't think we have it. So he's pretty on the ball in terms of what he wants to get out of us that week."

Talerico himself said he's had a few fun moments amidst the negativity surrounding this season. The self-deprecating big man said that watching scout film produces funny moments because of the blunders players make. He mentioned one moment in particular.

"Justin Gillett, he has a great strong arm — but only occasionally. One time he threw the ball across the field," Talerico said. "As the ball was let go, he said, 'Get there.' He wasn't sure it had enough juice. Everybody heard it. But it got there. So needless to say, we have a lot of fun and joke around.

A pre-professional major, Talerico wants to be a family doctor one day. Besides his best friend Gillett, he counts fellow walk-ons Nick Possinny and Garrett Zahm as some of his closest cronies on the team.

He still recalls the epic and devastating blowout loss against USC in 2005 as the single most memorable experience of his career.

"We came back in and changed our jerseys, and Rhema Mc Knight said, 'I got something for you guys.'" Talerico said, "And we all had our green jerseys let out, if it wasn't a hyped game already, then this was ridiculous. We all went down the tunnel and some of us peeked out and the crowd was like, and just hearing the roar of the stands was something...I don't even know how."

"Just walking out there and hearing it — it was just great." Talerico said.

"Just warming up, I throw the ball around with Justin Gillett and Nick Possinny and just catch the field on front of 80,000 people," he said. "It's a pretty once-in-a-lifetime thing every time it happens.

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Defensive end returned for a fifth year, becoming a vocal leader on and off the football field

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Last season, Trevor Laws was part of an all-senior defensive line for Notre Dame as a defensive tackle. But after tackle Derek Landini and ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome graduated, Laws was the only experienced defensive lineman on Notre Dame's roster who could return for a fifth year.

Laws took that fifth year to try to improve his play on a solid team, but instead has been one of the worst players on one of the worst teams in the nation.

But he wouldn't trade it in for anything.

"If I could go back in time, I would make the exact same decision because I've had great moments with my good friends here," he said.

Life before Weis

Laws came out of Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, Minn., as one of the top recruits from Minnesota — even though his team was never one of the best in the state.

"Apple Valley High School was a great place," he said. "We were never really that good, but we played hard every game," he said.

Laws played on both sides of the ball in high school as a versatile lineman on offense and as a tackle on defense — although he made his name as a defensive standout.

"I was a 250-pound senior, I had 87 tackles, 11 sacks. Before that, he had 85 tackles, 10 sacks and 25 tackles for loss as a junior — enough to make him a first-team all-state selection.

But in high school, football may not have been Laws' best sport. He finished his high school wrestling career as a three-time all-American with a 142-5 record, including an undefeated 49-0 campaign as the top-ranked super-heavyweight in his junior season.

In football, Laws made consistent appearances on various football recruiting lists, and was named an ESPN.com and USA Today prep All-American. Laws was rated the No. 1 defensive tackle in the country his senior season and earned Gatorade Player of the Year honors in Minnesota.

When colleges came to recruit Laws, he knew that he wanted to go to a big Ten school so that he could be close to home; Notre Dame wasn't on his initial list.

"I wasn't always a Notre Dame fan, and when I first got the letter to come here I didn't know if that was the right decision for me," he said.

But when he sat down and thought about it, Laws decided that Notre Dame's combination of athletics and academics — he was a member of the National Honor Society in high school — made it a good place to go.

When Laws entered the University, he played his first two seasons under coach Tyrone Willingham. He did not get on the field as a freshman and finished his sophomore season with 17 tackles, two pass breaks ups and a forced fumble.

When a new Willingham was fired on Nov. 30, 2004, Laws said he was shocked.

"It was tough. It doesn't seem like it's coming at all."

Coming to Notre Dame you think you're going to be with this guy for your whole career and then be fired," he said. "So it's tough, but coach Charlie Weis came in and we had such a successful year and thought this was going to be great so that made it easier. It's always tough losing some of your coaches.

Becoming a star

When Trevor took over, Laws said, it took some adjusting to the new coach's personality.

"It was definitely a little bit of culture shock but you get used to it very fast," Laws said. "And defensive line coach Jappy Oliver has been a great position coach, it's been great having him with me.

Laws took immediate advantage of the new system, earning a starting job as a defensive tackle in his junior season. Laws started all 12 games on the defensive line but rotated only 33 tackles and 1-1/2 sacks.

Even though Laws had relatively modest numbers, his coaches still saw the potential he had to be a top-tier defensive player.

"Even when I first got here I have always thought that Trevor was a great technician, I really have," Oliver said.

Laws also said that Notre Dame has been relentless — especially this season — in trying to make a big play on every down.

"The one thing I've tried to do is get him to trust his instincts. Because Trevor has great instincts," Oliver said. "And a lot of players do not trust them; they get a feel for it, but that's what it's all about. If you sense something, trust your instincts and go play.

Weis said that Laws reminds him of a lot of the great defensive tackles he faced as an offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots.

"He's a very disruptive inside player because he's not only short but he's powerful and quick off the ball and the schemes of the teams that we were coaching had a lot more of the two-gap type players," Weis said. "He's definitely more a prototypical 4-3 inside defensive lineman. There's a whole bunch that reminds me of — those pain in the butts that are always in the backfield.

Laws played well in 2006 alongside fellow seniors Abiamiri, Frome and Kuntz — so much so that he was named the most improved player on the team.

But things all changed this season. As the team's leaders on the line all left — and so did defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"The most important decisions for Laws was whether he should even take the fifth year. But he said that he has a lot of friends in the fifth-year class, and they decided to play one more year together.

"In the end, we decided it would be the best for all of us to come back and play another year at Notre Dame, another year for each other and also at the same time elevate ourselves in the draft for next year," he said.

Still, when Corwin Brown came in and brought his 3-4 personnel defense, everything changed for Laws.

Elder statesman

Laws has been one of the players most affected by the new defensive scheme. Laws said that he sees himself as more of a defensive tackle in a 4-3, but had to make the adjustment to playing end.

To prepare for the change, Laws said, he lost some weight and did drills to increase his speed and mobility because he would have more room to work with on the end.

Weis said that even though Laws is listed as an end, he has played every position on the line this season — something that will help him at the next level.

"He's played both inside and outside both left and right this season so what he's really done is he's elevated his status," Weis said. "He can play left defensive tackle, right defensive tackle, left end or right end. So he's really helped himself, rather than get pigeonholed at just one spot."

But the biggest change was not from tackle to end, but in becoming one of the leaders on the line.

This year's Irish defensive line is filled with young, inexperienced players — except for Laws and nose tackle Pat Kunz — so Laws took on himself to be the leader of that group.

"During spring ball ... I looked down the line and saw all the new faces and knew that it was up to me to help teach these guys how to play football," Laws said. "At first it was tough with guys learning their positions and everything and learning how to play, but now it's a point in the season where guys are playing great football and I don't have to say anything anymore.

Laws said that he expected the team to struggle because of the loss on the offensive side of the ball but never would have thought the team could have been this bad. Moreover, he said that his solid season — 98 tackles, two sack recoveries and five pass breakups — cannot overshadow the team's performance.

"I will never feel good about this season, but maybe in the future it will be easier to look back on myself and see the positives," Laws said. "But I will never be OK with the way we played," he said.

But one of the toughest parts of being the lone senior on such a young defensive line has been focusing on this season's final four games — his last at Notre Dame.

"Some people are saying I'm looking forward to next year, this is the beginning of next year;' or something like that and I don't want to think about it that way," Laws said. "The way I do think about it sometimes is just helping younger guys because it is my team and they're going to be playing next year for my school, so just helping them along and playing hard these last four games.

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GEOFF PRICE

Price gets back lost job with hard work

By KEN FOWLER

It was the week of Geoff Price's fifth game of his fifth year. And he got put on the depth chart.

Irish coach Charlie Weis announced that sophomore punter Eric Mazet would take over the punting duties for Notre Dame after Price got put off to a woebegone start no one ever noticed.

The graduate with a degree in finance from Hurst, Texas, was a member of the preseason watch list for the Ray Guy Award after finishing 2006 in the top 10 nationally for punting average. And that came in his first season replacing veteran punter and placekicker D.J. Fitzpatrick.

But Price was inconsistent in Notre Dame's first four games this season, and Weis was ready to make a switch.

"I came into this year with a lot of high expectations — both myself and outside of Notre Dame," Price said. "...I don't want to say it affected me; maybe it did subconsciously because I knew I just needed to go out there and do a job and if I didn't, those types of things would come. Unfortunately it didn't happen and it was a very humbling experience. It's something that you never as an athlete ever want to go through."

But he did — and he bounced back immediately.

Weis released the depth chart with Price at No. 2 the Tuesday before the Air Force game. Mazet punted three times against the Bulldogs, but Price took it in stride, so to speak.

"It was tough, but I've been here so long and my name's been second on the depth chart for so long. Not to say that I didn't want to," he said.

The fifth-year senior took three straight practices the next week and won back the starting job by the time the UCLA game weekend rolled around.

Price proved his worth. He punted nine times in Pasadena for an average of 40.2 yards but a more impressive three kicks that wound up inside the Bruins' 20.

"I think that this is just another moment in my career that shows the adversity and what I have to go through," Price said. "It's a situation where you have to push through and overcome. And I think I was fortunate just to go back to basics."

Price's success in 2006 came from just that. He practiced shortening his strides by playing a slower front in front of him in the summer after Notre Dame's loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl. That propelled him to the top of many charts of the best senior punters. But 2007 has been more of a challenge.

"The year before was just such a great year. Everything that could go right did go right," Price said of the 2006 season. "I know there were a couple of personal battles, but that most part it was a great season. It was a great season all around."

Price punted 50 times in 2006 with a 45.4-yard average, six touchbacks and two kicks that ended up inside the opponent's 20-yard line. This season, he has 54 punts, a 41.9-yard average, 11 inside 20 and only two touchbacks.

Though his average is down, Price is happy with his fewer touchbacks and the team's spot at No. 15 nationally in punting, which measures not only where the punt lands but also how far it is returned, thus amounting for hang time.

"Even though I've started off slow — it's the way it's gone this year — I've kept pushing up," Price said. "...I've learned how to deal with the down and I've pushed through it and kept going.

And he still sees the bright side of his decision to come back for a fifth year, even if his NFL prospects have not improved.

"Me coming back to Notre Dame was not just about playing time. I came to Notre Dame because it's Notre Dame and there were other things I wanted to accomplish even more than just football — getting a degree, getting a well-rounded education and so forth.

"But he hopes his playing days aren't over.

"I would like to potentially try some other thing," Price said. "If I make it, I make it, that's great. But I want to just for self justification — to say that I tried. I would like to try."
BRANDON ERIKSON

Wide out works through broken bones, tough losses

Despite a painful foot, Erickson remained dedicated to his team

By TAE ANDREWS
Sports Writer

Brandon Erickson knows hospitals. Maybe that's why he wants to work in one someday.

The walk-on wide receiver and pre-professional major from Marlboro, N.J., suffered a bad ankle break in practice after a collision with running back Travis Thomas following last year's Georgia Tech game. "Travis hit me on a crossing route..." Erickson said. "My mom freaked," Erickson said. "I even told Charlie Weis I was OK, and her and my dad drove up here to see me next day." Erickson realized during his freshman year that he could've been as valuable to the Irish as he heard people have of him. "It's kind of missed the game a lot," he said. "I tried to walk on and Weis came in at the same time with a new word: 'Unbelievable.'" Erickson said.

Erickson real wide receiver Brandon Erickson stretches before Notre Dame's 41-24 loss to Air Force on Nov. 10.

One note to lay down idle, Erickson left the hospital the morning after his surgery and went to class. Irritated that Erickson had left the hospital so soon, Weis called him and ordered him to go to the infirmary for the weekend. The ankle continues to bother Erickson today. "It hurts a lot, still hurts, actually," Erickson said. "I got two screws and a plate in there." Despite the hard knocks, broken bones and new hardware, there's no keeping him off the team. After playing football in high school, Erickson realized during his freshman year that he could be happy watching from the stands. "I just kind of missed the game a lot," he said. "I tried to walk on and Weis came in at the same time with a new word: 'Unbelievable.'" Erickson said.

Erickson read a message from the Irish tragedy he was about to "Freaked," Erickson said. "Maybe the worst injury he had been injured in practice. Erickson had received earlier from the thousand gathered in the Joyce Center. "My dad just texted me one word: 'Unbelievable.'" Erickson said.

Erickson wants to work in hospitals. "Somebody has to do the work," he said.

Erickson has seen Weis' excitement and determination from the inside. One part of that is wanting to work with a lot of team coaches who demand a lot. "They'll go on about stupid stuff sometimes," Erickson said. "If there's really nothing to yell at you for, they always find something to yell at you for. Obviously, you never can be perfect, so they make sure you know that,"

Erickson has seen Weis' enthusiasm and optimism. "It's kind of something...you stick to it. You don't want to quit at anything you do, ever, so stick to it." Erickson said.

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BY MATT GAMBER

Receiver, ROTC member does double-duty

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Three hours after becoming the first walk-on in recent memory to look at a pre-game pep rally, Nick Possley read a text message that struck him even more than the ovation he had received earlier from the thousand gathered in the Joyce Center. "My dad just texted me one word: 'Unbelievable.'" Possley, a senior wide receiver and ROTC member whose coach Charlie Weis asked to speak at the Navy pep rally on Nov. 2.

Possley has since made the traveling squad and has seen special teams action in several games for the Irish during the past two seasons. "I've been so fortunate to play and be a part of this team," Possley said.

Possley was one of three walk-ons who were good enough to make the team, according to Possley, good enough to make the team, according to Possley. "I'd definitely do it again," Possley said.

Possley, Mike Talerico and Justin Gillett among his best friends on the team, plus quarterback Dayne Braug.
Wade Iams

Med school looms after football career

Senior defensive back learned to balance time between class, football

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish reserve defensive back Wade Iams has never taken the field on a Notre Dame football Saturday. He has played on the "hook" squad every week during practice for four years, simulat-
ing the defenses of upcoming Irish opponents. So of course Iams knows what life would be like had he not chosen to walk on to the team as a freshmen.

"It would be very difficult tomorrow to go back and start it all over again," Iams said. "But you never want to quit." Iams, a senior biology major, said he has not even had preffered schedul-
ing schedule. And he hopes it will continue his classes during some of his semesters at Notre Dame.

"Some semesters we've had preferred schedule and some we haven't," Iams said.

"Everybody going to med school is trying to get the 'thing' on their resume. Mine is football."

Wade Iams
Irish defensive back

Neil Kennedy

Irish lineman draws inspiration from parents

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Dedication and hard work define the character of nose tackle Neil Kennedy. A walk-on since his sophomore year, Kennedy has played in only one game in his three years on the team, and yet his experience of being part of the team and part of Notre Dame tradition has left an indelible mark on the sen-

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ior and when he played against Army on Irish senior day in 2006. "It was probably the loneli-
est I have ever felt among 80,000 people," Kennedy said. "There are only 22 people on the field." Kennedy, who came from a humble background in Phoenix, said his mom and dad are "his heroes in life.

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And Iams, a Michigan native, is proud of his share of Irish football games. His father, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate, played baseball for the Irish and frequently receives tickets from the Monogram Club.

"I came to a lot of Notre Dame football games ..., so my whole family loves Notre Dame," Iams said. "Every week, those tickets are spoken for."

And even though his family loves football, he frequently returns home. Iams said he enjoys going back to his native Mishawaka High School in Granger — David Williams, Mike Anello and John Loitus. He also lives with a former Irish walk-on, Alvin Reynolds, at the Clover Ridge Apartments.

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Cornerback adjusts to cut in playing time

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Syracuse quarterback Perry Paterson dropped back, surveyed the field and fired a pass to the left flat. Leo Ferrine was ready. The red-shirt freshman cornerback cut in front of the wide receiver, and Ferrine returned the pass for a 16-yard touch­down.

"Everything happened so fast, you don't even realize you're doing it," Ferrine said. "All I remember is my teammates lumping on me and then going to the sideline and being congrat­ulated by my position coach and defensive coordinator. That was my red-shirt freshman year, so I was like, 'If I can do this now, I can do it for a lot of years to come.'"

Unfortunately for Ferrine, that play against Syracuse in 2005 was less a sign of things to come than a temporary high in a Notre Dame career that has seen numerous ups and downs.

Even though he was forced to switch high schools before his senior year, causing many universities to lose recruiting contact with him, Ferrine was tracked by Notre Dame throughout high school. After not playing in 2004, Ferrine looked ready to assume a bigger role starting his second year. In 2005, Ferrine played in all 12 games, started against Pittsburgh and recorded 22 tackles (17 solo) on the season.

"In terms of individual stuff and team stuff, that was the best year," Ferrine said. "We didn't come in with a lot of expectations, and we proved a lot of people wrong."

But Ferrine's career did not continue on an upward trajectory after the 2005 season. A combina­tion of a nagging hamstring injury and competi­tion from younger players has limited the cor­nerback to action in only 15 games over the past two seasons.

"You have to do everything for yourself in college. Live by yourself. Get around by yourself. You got to be a real man to go into the world, and I learned that in college," Ferrine said.

Although his Notre Dame expe­rience may not have gone as planned on the football field, Ferrine has benefited in other ways during his time in South Bend.

Ferrine said that academics played a large part in his attrac­tion to Notre Dame. "I've been to New Jersey, and I've appreciated his classical education," Ferrine said. "I've learned a lot of different people, people I've met in the television and film industry.

"I want to be on television, like Fox Sports and that, and it has to start small at first. It doesn't matt­er at first, but I want to be on television at the end," Ferrine said.

Williams received the Irish Football Scholarship on Nov. 16.

Defensive back defies odds, earns scholarship

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

This summer, William David Williams received a scholar­ship to play football at Notre Dame. The thing is, he's been on the team for three years.

Williams, long snapper J. J. Janssen, cornerback Wade lams and guard Thomas Bemenderfer were four walk­ons whom Irish coach Charlie Weis awarded scholar­ships this fall.

"It was such an honor, not necessarily for the money, but more so for what it meant for me — kind of like vindication for everything I've been through," Williams said. "Not saying that other things didn't pay out, but it felt like, 'Wow, everything I'm doing is really paying off.'"

Williams worked throughout his high school career and freshman year to get on the football team. He had his whole life.

Williams attended Millbrook High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he was a standout on the track team. He was named to the academic all­conference teams in football twice and four times in track. During his senior season, Williams was captain of the Millbrook football team.

Williams said his coaches at Millbrook put him and some of his team mates on trial going to some Division III schools, but Williams always had higher aspirations for himself.

"I knew that I had the aca­demical qualifications to go to a place like Notre Dame, but I always wanted to go some­where where football was a major aspect of the university and also I could be well rounded in spirituality and academics as well," Williams said.

Williams tried out for the Irish during the spring of his freshman year after playing a year of Interhall football for Alcoholics Anonymous.

He checked every day with the football office to make sure he was healthy and not on tryouts in the spring. And when tryouts finally did come, Williams always knew he had finally reached his dream.

Irish coach Charlie Weis, then in his first spring prac­tices, called Williams' number as one of the top performers in the walk-on tryouts.

"You have to look at my height, they look at my size and they say, 'You on Notre Dame football team, what?'" Williams said. "So just being there and working that hard and seeing that I could impress (Weis) the way that I did.... Its amazing."

Williams said that when one of the physical trainers told him he was on the team, he could not put words into what that feeling was like. It was emotional.

"It's hard to put into words, but I'd say exhilarating," he said. "It shows me that I made the right decision to try out for the Notre Dame football team and that I have what it takes to be on the Notre Dame football team."

Williams, who is a business major and had a GPA of 3.893 during the 2006-07 school year, said that being a football player is just one aspect of his life at Notre Dame.

"The rigors of being at Notre Dame are already tough, but it's the passion that I have inside of me to always try to be the best I can be at any­thing I put my mind to and I wasn't going to let my aca­demics slide for football or anything," he said.

Williams said this passion will lead him away from col­lege — and football — after graduation and into the Teach for America program. Williams hopes to be a part of the program's Oakland chap­ter.

"I want to go into the work force for a little while to find more about myself, find what kind of work I want to get into," he said. "And Teach for America provides students who just got out of school to really help out, to help kids who don's really have the same opportunities that we do have, don't have the same resources, and they need that one influence."

Williams said that one of the biggest reasons he has such a passion for others is because of the influence his mother — Antoinette Bailey Williams.

"He said that she was a huge part of his life when he was growing up. She was a con­stant presence at all of his athletic events and "always had cupcakes for the mom's club," Williams said. "It's kind of tough because she really is disabled so she can't really work," he said. "She really is just a homemaker, but that is a job within itself and she always does it to the best of her abilities. People think of money being attached to a job, but I think that's one of the best jobs a person can do."

But at Notre Dame, Williams said, he has always felt like he was part of a larger communi­ty that always has nothing but respect for everyone involved.

"Notre Dame is one of the best colleges to go to if you really want to find out who you really are and want to dis­cover more about yourself," he said. "The people here come to respect you. If you go out and you work your hard­est, they will come to respect you."

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DARRIN BRAGG

From Hollywood to House That Rock Built: Bragg returns

QB was asked to rejoin team during studio internship at Fox

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Five months ago, Darrin Bragg wasn't on Notre Dame's football team. Now he's the third-string quarterback. Over the summer, the senior, film, television and theater major was an intern at 20th Century Fox under Executive Vice President of Production Jim Sharp. There, he worked on Fox hit shows like "Bones" and "House.

"Pretty much every day I walked in and he let me do whatever I want," Bragg said. "And whatever I want, wherever I wanted to go in the company, I got to do it.

Bragg said he was on a television set when Notre Dame Director of Football Operations Chad Klauder called him in July and asked him if he would return to the Irish.

"I was in the middle of work and they said, 'We need you to come back and play quarterback.'" Bragg said. "And I'm like, 'Ok, sure.' Why not? What am I going to say, no?"

Bragg said he was unsure if the call was true since he had only quit the team two months before he was asked to come back.

"I called them back, and I was shocked," he said. "I called [quarterback] coach [Ron] Powlus and a couple of other coaches to make sure they weren't pulling my chain.

"I said, 'Is it really? Are you sure?' For Bragg, the truth marked the end of a wild circle.

Former head coach Tyrone Willingham recruited Bragg as a quarterback out of Bellarmine Prep in San Jose, Calif. But when Willingham was fired after the 2004 season, new head coach Charlie Weis moved Bragg to wide receiver.

"I always wanted the ball every time the quarterback dropped back. I always thought, 'I'm open', even if I was covered," Bragg said. "[Being a quarterback] helped out playing receiver because you knew if there was a hot [cold] receiver or something you knew what to do.

Bragg did do some any time as a wide receiver in his two seasons at that position and declined in May that he would leave the team. Bragg thought he was treated somewhat unfairly as a receiver before he left the team.

"I was frustrated because I really wasn't sure how to play the position," Bragg said. "It's just great to be back playing quarterback, something I'm comfortable with.

Now, he's not only comfortable and he's also important. When Bragg left the team, Jimmy Clausen, Evan Sharpley, Demetrius Jones and Zach Frazer were all ahead of him on the depth chart.

By Notre Dame's game against Purdue in September Bragg was a snap away from entrance. In the third quarter, Clausen was hurt and Bragg came in and marked out because of an injury.

"This year of all years has definitely been kind of a highlight because I've been 'that guy'. It's like, 'What if that guy gets hurt? Demetrius transferred, Zach transferred.' I'm like, 'Yeah, I guess I'm going to go in next,'" Bragg said. "There was certain points where I was like, 'Yeah, I should probably get ready.'

Bragg also said that his emotions haven't changed much since he returned to the team, but that things probably will change this week for his final home game as a Notre Dame student.

"I think it will be much more important for the last home game, suitting up instead of being in the stands watching it. So I'm really glad I came back just for that last game," Bragg said.

Bragg's football career might end, but the film and theatre major is not set for after graduation — and they involve football.

"I know I'm going to move to L.A., but I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet," Bragg said. "I'll probably come back next year. Dude, I want to come back soon enough where I know guys on the team, Bragg said before harnessing his thespian side to imitate an old man.

"I don't want to come back 20 years from now and be like, 'Back in my day, I was the third-string quarterback in 2007.'"

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Irish quarterback Darrin Bragg tosses the ball before Notre Dame's 41-24 loss to Air Force on Saturday.

Irish quarterback Darrin Bragg throws a pass during warmups before the loss to Air Force on Saturday.

JUSTIN GILLETT

Interhall star joins team as QB at friend's urging

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

In 2004, freshman quarterback Justin Gillett of Knott Hall was quickly turning some heads in interhall football. After leading his dorm to several victories and impressive performances, Gillett was just trying to make his way through college life as a normal freshman.

Then, one of his closest friends urged him to try for a walk on the football team for Notre Dame.

"I didn't think I would ever play football," Gillett said.

Playing in Knott Hall was a fun experience. Once there was the coaching change and coach Weis came in, word of mouth spread that there were going to be open tryouts. One of my good buddies, John Lyons, who took a moment to planning on walking on was one of the team and was able to try into it, so it was an easy transition for him.

Gillett made the reserve once his sophomore year as a reserve quarterback, and although he hasn't participated in any game action, he has contributed to the Irish program in practices.

The one aspect of the entire process Gillett embraces is the friendships he has created and sustained on the team.

"My family and friends were rooting for me," Gillett said. "The guys who had my back were those that I was walking with. The friendships — that's what makes it worthwhile. We all shared a common goal, and achieving it with those people was the most rewarding part.

Gillett's effort hasn't gone unnoticed by his family members, and the walk-on senior is content with the results he gives them.

"It's nice to see how proud my family is of me," Gillett said. "They see the glitz and glamour of the whole thing, and that's what really makes me the most proud.

Although many players are in awe of walking through the tunnel for the first time, Gillett celebrated with his teammates as the most memorable part of the experience.

"I had never been in front of so many people," Gillett said. "I was just so little different, though, because I knew I wasn't going to play. The fun part is hanging with your boys on the field during the games." As his career winds down, Gillett is nearly as concerned with getting scholarship offers as playing time as much as he is with winning games.

"I'm not concerned about getting snaps to end the game against Duke or anything like that. It depends on what happens. I just want to feel good walking off the field for that last time," Gillett said.

After he graduates, the engineering major is looking to find a job but would like to relax a bit beforehand.

"I'm looking forward to kick­ ing back for a little while," Gillett said. "Eventually though, I want a job within engineering.

Although Gillett one day plans on being successful, he noted that he has other priorities as well.

"Football was a big part of my life, as was school and friendships," he said. "But sometimes you just have to take time out and give the ladies what they want.

With humor aside, in whichever path Gillett pursues, the one lesson he can take with him from his time at Notre Dame was the work ethic involved with the team.

"The number one thing I can take is the work ethic," Gillett said. "There were a lot of times when the workload was intense, and I had to devote hours to playing football and academics, but the support group of guys doing the same thing kept me going."

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Crunching the numbers

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